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Fascism

Fascism: "A system of government characterized by rigid one-party (Republicrat) dictatorship, forcible suppression of opposition, private economic enterprise under centralized governmental control, belligerent nationalism, racism, and militarism, etc.; first instituted in Italy in 1922."—*Webster's New World Dictionary.*

"Loss of freedom of speech is a small price to pay..."

—*SF Police Chief Richard Hongisto*, May 1, 1992

J. Evans
San Francisco

Destroying San Francisco

Mayor Jordan claims that it is outsiders causing problems in San Francisco. As a native San Franciscan, it is obvious to me that he is the outsider, for he is outside the Constitution. Both he and Police Chief Hongisto have sworn to uphold the Constitution and instead have violated it with their illegal police sweep of the Mission District on May Day.

Mayor Jordan and Chief Hongisto claim that the people who assembled before the Board of Supervisors at City Hall on Saturday to demand the racist curfew and state of emergency be lifted are possible rioters. Both of these officials are clearly suffering from paranoid delusions.

Mayor Jordan is in the process of attacking the city health budget while he spends $728,000 for metermaid bikes so shoppers can be sure to avoid coming to San Francisco. Mayor Jordan is actively promoting higher bus fares and less service so we can be sure to have less business, and therefore less jobs, in San Francisco, since workers will be less able to get to work and to go shopping.

My enduring image of millionaire landlord Hongisto is of him physically axing the International Hotel when he was county sheriff. Now he and the Mayor want to do the same to the whole city. I suggest we take a cue from Pacifica, Fremont and Morgan Hill and recall Mayor Jordan and Chief Hongisto before they destroy San Francisco.

Lee Heller
San Francisco

Call for Solidarity

Like a lot of us, I have been on an emotional roller-coaster during the last week as a result of the King verdict. I have gone from despair to hope, from elation to depression, from fury to jubilation and back. As an African American, sometimes I have felt vindicated that at last this country is waking up to the fact that racism is alive and well (as we have been keenly aware) and *must* be addressed in order for this world to survive.

I worry that our national attention span of 20 minutes will cause us to forget this travesty and drift back into complacency while assuming that someone *else* will take care of the aftermath. We cannot do this. We must remember. This is not about one verdict, it is about years and years of oppression. It is not about Black people, it is about all of us.

I am calling to my brothers and sisters in our communities—lesbian, gay, bisexual, transvestite, transsexual and transgenderist—to stand in solidarity with me. We must all look at the ways in which racism, sexism, ageism, ableism, heterosexism and all the other oppressions affect us. We must find common ground. Look to find your sister in each woman, to find your brother in each man. Do this every day. Make it part of your reality. *This* is where the revolution begins—in our hearts, minds and spirits. We are the revolution. We must remember.

Carol Jones
Oakland

Crime in the City

An open letter to Chief of Police Richard Hongisto:

Dear Mr. Hongisto:

You have commented repeatedly about your pride over the low crime rate in San Francisco on the night of Friday, May 1, following the acquittal of the policemen who beat Rodney King. Sir, there were hundreds of crimes committed that night. They were committed by the San Francisco Police Department against the citizens of this city. If hundreds had been arrested in China or Romania for peaceably assembling to express their anger over injustice and police brutality, you would no doubt have expressed self-righteous outrage over the totalitarian repression. But when it happens in your own city, you jump at the chance to exert your authority, claiming that emergency police powers must be extended because protesters are "ill-tempered" and declaring that the loss of our constitutional rights is a "cheap price to pay" for a low crime rate.

For shame, Mr. Hongisto. The people arrested on May 1 were non-violent demonstrators exercising their constitutional rights; members of the press doing the job which they had every legal right to be doing; and residents of the neighborhood going about their daily lives. People in the Mission and Castro districts were arrested simply for being in neighborhoods that the police wanted to shut down. One reporter had his press pass taken from him by police who felt he was too supportive of the protesters. And gays and lesbians in the Santa Rita facility were held in a separate area marked with a sign that said "Homos." These are not the acts of a constitutional democracy—they are the acts of a police state.

The Rodney King verdict has stirred up our rage and terror at the specter of a police force out of control, with no fear of repercussions to hold them back from further outrageous abuses of their power. Your actions on May 1 and 2 have proven that our rage and terror are completely justified. Knowing that the San Francisco Chief of Police considers my constitutional rights to be "cheap" merely adds fuel to the flame.

Greta Christina
San Francisco

A World of Lies

We live in a world of lies. A land where civil and human rights are disregarded, where what we see with our own eyes is denied, and where politicians and officials will say anything at all—regardless of the truth and regardless of what they really believe—and the only thing that matters to them is making us believe what they say.

So they start wars by making up lies, murder thousands of people and tell us it's not happening, and say they believe in peace, justice and equality when they really don't believe in anything but power. It's a consuming web of lies, a house of cards where facts can be continually rearranged to suit circumstances. In such a world, the police officers who brutally beat Rodney King were found not guilty.

Fifteen years ago I sat through many long days in a New York City courtroom, waiting for a case I was following to be heard. Each day, a parade of offenders came before the court for sentencing. Without a single exception, this is what I saw: *Every* offender of color went to jail; *every* white offender was put on probation. And we wonder why our jails are so overwhelmingly Black?

We live in a country where power makes truth and contradictions don't matter. A "democratic" society where racism and sexism are the norm and rich white men decide everything for everybody. Where a man is put to death because killing is against the law. Where a child is abused by her father, and when her mother asks the courts for protection they give custody of the child to her abuser. Where abortion is murder, but children dying from hunger is not.

And where, in cities across the nation, thousands of people are harassed, arrested and jailed for exercising their civil and constitutional right to legal, peaceful protest... and sometimes, as in San Francisco's Mission District, arrested just for being there.

We live in a country where truth is irrelevant. Where one Black man lying on the ground is so lethal that four white officers must subdue him with 56 kicks and blows. Where this brutal attack is captured on film, and where those who beat him are tried and exonerated in a suburban white community which is also a favorite retirement spot for L.A. police.

So just for once, let's set the record straight. Let's point the finger in the right direction. *Not* at the disenfranchised people of Los Angeles whose righteous rage, in the face of such a colossal travesty of justice, exploded in tragically unfortunate ways—but at the true cause of the hatred, fear, death and destruction that followed the Rodney King verdict: our CRIMINAL INjustice system.

Is it really any wonder that the house of cards fell down?

Irene Yarrow
Oakland

Republican Invasion

Thanks to Sidney Brinkley for a most informative expose of the incursion into City Hall of right-wing, conservative ideologues (The Republicans Move in On City Hall, April 24, 1992). Despite the recent highly publicized appointment to the Board of Super-

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visors of conservative Annemarie Conroy to replace liberal Doris Ward, I would venture to guess that most people are still unaware of Jordan's up-till-now secret campaign of stacking arch-conservatives such as Chris Bowman of the Republican Log Cabin Club into key positions in his administration. Mr. Jordan seems to have forgotten that this town is predominantly liberal Democratic and he should continue the tradition of empowering those persons, with only minor consideration for conservatives whose numbers in San Francisco basically don't add up to the level of representation they have been given recently. To hear Chris Bowman talk, you would think there are great masses of gay Republicans in San Francisco muffled by lack of representation instead of just a few queens pissed off about their taxes. Statistics prove that there are many times more liberals than conservatives in this town. The best thing Bowman could do for Jordan is to advise him that most people, gay and straight, are attracted to San Francisco *because* of its liberal reputation. They come here to get relief from conservatism.

The new conservatives in City Hall have already shown their true colors by adopting and instituting some of the nastiest of conservative Republican tactics, such as their complete and utter lack of regard for the truth by attempting to rewrite history. If nothing else, the article shows Chris Bowman to be a master of this tactic of subtly lying about a situation in order to turn it around to show himself, Jordan and their shared conservative ideology in a better light.

Take, for instance, Bowman's assertion that Jordan has "appeased" the queer activist community and that, except for "a few radicals" we are supporting him. Bullshit! I have heard nothing but contempt for the Mayor and his administration from all the activists I know, who run the gamut from those "extreme left-field radicals" to whom Bowman refers, to near assimilationists. If Bowman confuses the current "silence" in the activist community as "support," he is sorely mistaken and much less astute and informed than he is reported to be. Make no mistake, activists are keeping a close eye on those issues that affect our community. It is only a matter of time, given the current climate of conservative egomania fueled by assimilationists like Bowman, before Jordan tips his hand.

Bowman also rewrites history again when he claims that the Mayor had a meeting with ACT UP and Queer Nation. The implication was that the people attending were official representatives of those activist groups and, during the meeting, fences were mended. Nothing could be further from the truth. The invitation to the meeting was not to ACT UP and Queer Nation, but to certain activists who were identified and chosen by members of the Mayor's liaison staff. There was no public announcement of the meeting and no organized method of seeing that all branches of the activist community were represented. Furthermore, Queer Nation was not officially invited and could not have been because the group was on hiatus at the time (no meetings held or decisions made). Since Queer Nation has no official spokespersons, Jordan would have had to contact and meet with some 800 or so Queer Nationals; and, Queer Nation would not have missed the opportunity to confront Jordan on such tough issues as the Oct. 6, 1989, brutal police suppression of protesters and raid on the Castro which Jordan has said was "proper conduct." No wonder we were not invited. And no wonder that Bowman and other spin controllers and history rewriters want to move Jordan past the ugly truth of that incident.

The next lie was Bowman's claim that those who chased Jordan out of the Castro during the AB101 protest were the "under-25 crowd" who "know nothing" of things like "Jordan's past support of the gay community." First, the continued assertion by conservative assimilationist members of our community that activists are to be dismissed because they are invariably under 25 years old and know nothing is not only an ageist insult to the younger members of our community, but completely untrue. Most of the core group of activists that make up groups like Queer Nation, ACT UP and Outrage! are well-educated and in their late 20s and early 30s. We even have members in their 40s and 50s, contemporaries of Mr. Bowman, who know that advancing age does not necessarily lead to conservatism.

Next, as a witness to what happened the night of the AB101 protest, I did not see any "under-25-year-olds" in the crowd that chased Jordan. I saw seasoned activists (well over 25) pissed off that Jordan would have the gall to show up and treat as a campaign stop an event that was essentially to protest a homophobic act similar to the one he committed when he supported the Oct. 6, 1989, sweep of the Castro. He was recognized as the homophobic straight man in power that he is and dealt with as any of us would have been dealt with if we had flaunted our queerness and power at a rally to protest straight-bashing. In fact, he probably got off easier.

And last, we know full well Jordan's "support" of our community is merely token lip service carefully designed by conservatives and assimilationist collaborationists like Chris Bowman to promote their agenda and completely sidestep or ignore issues such as homophobia in the police department, continued attacks on AIDS funding, the lack of services to at-risk youth, and the utter failure of the city to do anything at all about the rising tide of hate crimes.

No, Mr. Bowman is not fooling anyone with his rewritten history. Our true history is written in our hearts and minds where the activist spirit is still very much alive.

Allen Carson
San Francisco

Why Pink Saturday?

In all the fuss and confusion around the management of Pink Saturday, the most crucial question has been missed: Is this event a good idea to begin with?

While I'm prepared to believe that all the individuals involved in Pink Saturday 1991 (or those who wish to be involved in a repeat for 1992) are well-meaning and community-minded, I simply believe that having a nighttime street party preceding Lesbian/Gay Freedom Day is a terrible idea.

In a worst-case (and not too far-fetched) scenario I see Pink Saturday turning into "Halloween II"—an opportunity for straights to come to the Castro and gawk at us. At its most successful, I could see Pink Saturday overwhelming an already overcrowded week and doing irreparable harm to numerous community businesses and arts groups that will not be able to compete with such a "mega-event." This sort of grand-scale planning and "Disneyfication" of our Freedom weekend seems more in the spirit of L.A. than San Francisco.

Some more questions: Has any consideration been given to the effect it will have on Sunday's parade when people within earshot of Castro and Market will be kept awake until 4 a.m. (the usual duration of Halloween crowd noise) on Saturday night? And given the impact of recent curfews on community businesses, the possibility of further demonstrations, and the sad prospect that we could be at the start of a "long, hot summer," is Pink Saturday worth the expenditure of our community's resources and the potential problems it adds to Lesbian/Gay Freedom Weekend?

Much as I love street fairs in our neighborhoods, an outdoor event at night, with beer, has a very different tone and feeling.

Is it too late to stop Pink Saturday 1992? If there's nothing we can do about it this year, can we start asking questions before it becomes a permanent fixture?

Henry Mach
San Francisco

Invitation From the Parade

Re: Ggreg Taylor's reflections on the parade (April 23, 1992);

Those of us on the San Francisco Lesbian/Gay Freedom Day Parade and Celebration Committee sympathize with Ggreg Taylor's view that our meetings aren't any more exciting than those of stamp collectors. We're a tedious bunch when it comes to organizing the parade and celebration—reviewing countless float applications, balancing an enormous budget, and plotting the placement of Porta-Potties. We want to be sure that everything runs smoothly.

We'd like to think that the product of our perseverance—the Big Event itself—is fun, safe and comfortable for all of the half-million who participate. We hope that the gorgeous floats, the all-day music and dancing and the dozens of booths offer some measure of entertainment and community spirit for everyone.

Of course, San Francisco is a spectacular city, and ours is a resourceful and exciting community. It's no wonder that some folks—Ggreg for one—aspire to a higher plane of partying. Well, put your money where your mouth is and help us plan the parade! We've got lots of volunteer opportunities, too. Call 864-FREE to get involved.

Scott Stewart and Gail Wood
Co-Chairs, San Francisco Lesbian/Gay
Freedom Day Parade and Celebration

Encompassing Queer Rock

Dear Don Baird,

As much as I enjoy your column, I do tire of your rantings about Queer Rock.

I agree with you wholeheartedly: Queer Rock is long overdue for acceptance, both within our community and outside. However, your message is a tad dangerous on the whole in that it supports only one kind of queer music, that being Queer Rock music, which you have identified and enjoyed.

Similar to Gina Arnold of the *East Bay Express*, another music critic with an overswelled head, you glorify those whose opinions match your own. Ms. Arnold writes of her friends who go to great concerts, as do you.

It's not that your choices are good or bad—you need to explain *why* these bands are good. You are far too subjective to be writing for a queer newspaper which influences thousands of readers. L7, Tribe 8, Nirvana, the Pixies... these groups are good, but not merely because *you* deem them "good."

Also, as a member of the queer community you do not have my permission to define what *is* and *isn't* Queer Rock. You are one voice—albeit a loud, garrulous voice.

I do enjoy your insights into club scenes, new music, next music, queer music, etc. I just don't like it when you project yourself into the role of "coolest!"

One major gripe—you seem to have a distaste for house music. I can appreciate this—so many clubs *only* play house. However, I find your rantings a bit too mismanaged. Is there *no* good house music? *No* changes to report?

For me, I'm totally queer in the truest sense. I'm not one little genre, and I prefer my music to encompass all my tastes. Sometimes I want Nirvana, sometimes Pussy Tourrette, sometimes Gershwin, sometimes Chopin, sometimes house music, sometimes the Young Gods, sometimes Nine Inch Nails, sometimes Mozart... You see, I'm very queer.

You, on the other hand, have a preoccupation with defining and refining queer until it's *not queer at all!*

Till we meet again.

Mrs. Trauma Flintstone
Bedrock

Transsexual Rights

Transsexuals have a right to go into any place of business without confronting jeering, leering or harassment.

Transsexuals have a right to housing and a position in any occupation including blue collar, white collar, pink collar, lavender collar, graphic arts, chef or dog catcher.

Transsexuals have a right to process and conduct our business affairs in private without uninvolved individuals knowing of our affairs.

Transsexuals have a right to walk down any street without being victims of violence—be that verbal, physical or sexual.

Transsexuals have a right to an education without discrimination and without being subjected to negative behavior from the faculty or student body.

Transsexuals have a right to have personal power over our own lives, including whether to be in or out of the closet. No one has the right to "out" anyone else, nor to force those who choose to be out back into the closet. ("Outing" also includes being rude enough to stare at a transsexual to figure out "Is that a male or female, or is that a sex change?" It's none of your business!)

Transsexuals have a right to be called by whatever pronoun we choose. No one chooses it for us!

Name Withheld by Request

Permission

An open letter to the community:

In late January 1992, I was shocked to find a sexually explicit photograph of mine called "Leather Boot and Desire" used without my permission on a poster to advertise the dance club Dekadance. The posters were on almost every pole and many other locations on Castro between Market and 19th streets, as well as two blocks of 18th Street. I threatened to sue Mr. Jeff Palmer-Brodhead, Club Dekadance producer, unless he apologized to the community for putting a sexually explicit image out on the street and unless he made financial restitution to me and my model, whose face was clearly visible on the poster.

Mr. Brodhead acknowledged his negligence in a letter to me, made financial restitution, but refused to apologize to the community for the sexually explicit nature of the poster, saying, "I do not believe that the content of the photo are [sic] objectionable in anyway... especially on the streets of the Castro... and would be a hypocrite to say I do."

I did not pursue the matter because I believed that he would stop using work without permission. Since that time I have been disappointed to see that Mr. Brodhead has continued to use work that he does not have permission to use, including the work of photographer Diane Arbus. (Some posters do show

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DICK'S COOL NEW TOOL: MARTIAL LAW

BY TIM KINGSTON

In an unprecedented show of force, Mayor Frank Jordan and ex-liberal Police Chief Richard Hongisto declared martial law in San Francisco on Thursday, April 30, after segments of an angry march protesting the Rodney King verdict began smashing windows and looting stores downtown. Jordan's late-night declaration of a state of emergency, only the third ever in the City's history, gave the San Francisco Police Department extraordinary powers to break up *any* assembly *anywhere* in the City, and arrest *anyone* suspected of committing *any* crimes, breaking the curfew or violating the state of emergency.

The SFPD took to its task with a vengeance. Approximately 1,700 people were carted off to jail on April 30 and May 1—many did not get out of jail till the morning of May 3. Hongisto's goon squads smashed a planned Roots Against War (RAW) demonstration at 24th and Mission on Friday, May 1, by arresting *everyone* in the vicinity. Protesters, pedestrians, people of color, cafe-goers, commuters, journalists, homeless, hookers, homosexuals and homeboys were all caught up in the indiscriminate SFPD street sweeps that extended as far as 18th and Hartford in the Castro. Batons were wielded widely by the police, and this reporter saw more police-inflicted injuries in the space of those two days than during any other period of protest in the Bay Area over the last decade.

Police Chief Hongisto is unrepentant in the face of charges that his policies represented not only a wholesale suspension of the First Amendment, but also a total abrogation of much of the Constitution. Hongisto declares that such criticism is "legally incorrect." The Chief warns, "We are happy to have people make speeches, but we have to make sure people don't do what they did on Thursday [April 30], at all costs. If that is the price we have to pay, to prevent people assembling in large groups, that is the price we have to pay."

Both Hongisto and Jordan assert the state of emergency was successful in preventing further property damage and keeping the peace. On Saturday, May 2, at an emergency Board of Supervisors' meeting that rescinded the state of emergency, Jordan declared with evident satisfaction: "We all know we had a state of emergency. We acted swiftly to defend property." Jordan was almost drowned out by angry hecklers.

Amy Reisch, director of the YWCA, retorted, "During the Gulf War there were 50,000-60,000 people in the streets. There was breaking of windows and vandalism, but there was no state of emergency. This time, because it is perceived as a racial issue, they have declared a state of emergency. That is racist BS!"

Jean Harris, aide to Mayor Jordan, denies that the state of emergency was racially motivated. "It is clear those pillaging Market Street were not mainly people of color. It was a mixed bag. I saw two white middle-aged men walking off with stereos on Polk Street. This is not about demonstrations and civil rights. This is about a bunch of people stealing things."

Hongisto went further, declaring at the May 2 emergency board meeting, "Last night we had below-normal level of crime, even routine garden-variety levels of crime. To the best of my knowledge, San Francisco is the only major city that can say we did not have a broken window [on May 1]. That is the major consideration at hand. The police totally contained the situation."

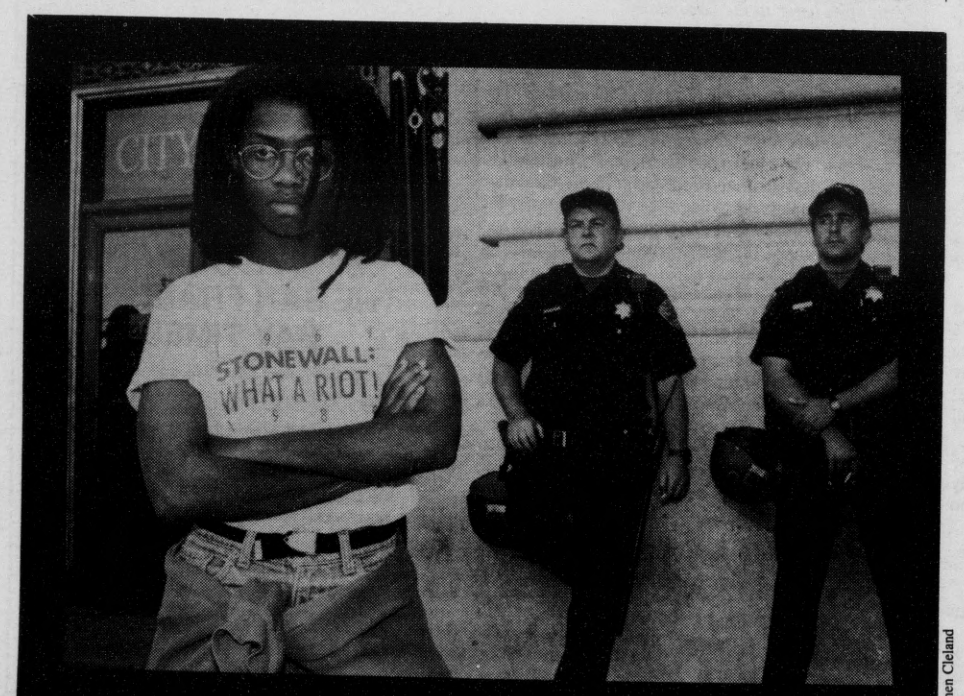
Civil libertarians are appalled that such pragmatic rationales are being used to undermine the Constitution. They are angry enough that plans are already afoot to demand Hongisto's resignation and Jordan's recall.

"I am one of those people who think that people should be able to peacefully assemble without being arrested and detained by police and held without bail for a day or two," snapped Kim Malcheski, a National Lawyers Guild (NLG) attorney who has extensive firsthand experience with the SFPD. "It is a totalitarian statement to say there is less crime. Under a police state there will be less street crime and more official crime!"

Malcheski charges, "The real danger is that the state of emergency can be used to target certain political groups and minority groups, and that is what happened here. They used the pretext of the looting downtown on Thursday to outlaw political marches on Friday."

Eva Paterson, director of the San Francisco Lawyers Committee and chair of the Lawyers Coalition for Civil Rights, says the whole affair was "horribly mishandled." She says, "We got a call today from a Black man in San Francisco who was standing there with new clothes from The Gap which he had just purchased with his own money. He was arrested for looting. Innocent people were swept up. But at the Board of Supervisors' meeting, people got up and said innocent people can be swept up to preserve law and order. I imagine that was said in Nazi Germany where economic order was more important than the rights of individuals." Paterson says, "We have to have a situation where innocent people are not picked up in response to our fear of the 'other,' be they Black, Latino, gay or young."

Alicia Rice, one of the demonstrators at Thursday night's protest, asked, "How can we live in a society where the police operate under a different set of laws? We are in a state of anarchy—who will baby-sit the babysitters? Black men have been beaten in our community for years. There is no justice for Blacks in this country—that is what the jury told us."



THE SCENE AT CITY HALL

Photo by Jane Philomen Cleland

HOODWINKED? THE SUPES AND THE STATE OF EMERGENCY

All the supervisors contacted by *SF Bay Times* argue that the imposition of a state of emergency on Thursday night was an appropriate response to the situation— justifying their vote to support it on Friday, May 1.

But they are less than pleased with the way the Mayor and Chief of Police enacted the order. The final state of emergency included certain conditions that were supposed to cushion the impact of the declaration, and the board believed the guidelines would be adhered to. "I believe we gave an inch and the Chief took a mile," charges Supervisor Jim Gonzalez. "What happened in the Mission was an overreaction." Gonzalez points out that the board only supported the state of emergency *after* adding resolutions to temper its impact.

Gonzalez says one of the conditions was to prevent discriminatory actions by the police: that is, no *selective* enforcement of its provisions. But, Gonzalez charges, the Mission was targeted, while Pacific Heights and Union Street were not. Gonzalez says, in addition to supposedly prohibiting discriminatory enforcement, the conditions imposed by the supervisors included an "adequate notice and avenues to disperse" clause. Even that had to be fought for, says Supervisor Terence Hallinan. He charges Hongisto didn't feel it necessary to provide exit routes for those encircled by police. Two days later, Hallinan said, "We were hoodwinked into authorizing something we never intended."

On Saturday, May 2, the supervisors reversed their approval of the state of emergency at a raucous board meeting. An already tense mood was stretched near the breaking point when Hongisto and Jordan walked into the chambers to a chorus of boos, oaths and Sieg Heil salutes. The charged atmosphere in City Hall was not improved by the sudden appearance of two platoons of police in full battle gear.

"The Chief's performance was shameless. The same group [the supervisors] that gave him what we thought was limited power took it back the next day," says Supervisor Roberta Achtenberg in clipped tones.

Gonzalez, Achtenberg and all the detainees interviewed by this reporter while incarcerated with them at Pier 38, say no warnings were ever given after the initial dispersal orders at 24th Street. Gonzalez also pressured Hongisto to admit that while three dispersal orders were read out at 24th and Mission around 6:45 pm, only one warning was given in Spanish.

When Hongisto and Jordan were asked by Gonzalez to provide evidence showing the need for a continued state of emergency, Hongisto replied, "I have heard there is a potential for violence." The Chief added, "I am reliably informed that there will be hundreds of ill-tempered people [at demonstrations planned that day.]" The audience responded with hoots of derision, cries of "Amateur!" and "Your nose is growing!" One activist quipped, "Have you ever heard of a state of emergency being declared because people are in a bad mood?"

By Monday, May 4, however, Hongisto had found his evidence. According to Stacie Walters, the Mayor's assistant press secretary, and various press reports, the police had discovered a number of rocks, broken bottles and kerosene-soaked rags. Hongisto also displayed inflammatory fliers, allegedly authored by Roots Against War, and a banner with a picture of Malcolm X emblazoned with the slogan "By Any Means Necessary." This "evidence," according to Hongisto, indicated conclusively that the rally organizers intended mayhem.

But at the Monday, May 4 board meeting, both Achtenberg and Gonzalez, with an edge to their voices, asked why Hongisto and the SFPD were unable to come up with this "evidence" when it was requested at the May 2 emergency board meeting. One journalist allegedly ribbed Hadley Roff, Jordan's chief of staff, asking how late he had stayed up painting the police evidence numbers on the rocks!

Jose Gato, a member of RAW, says, "Anybody can find broken bottles in the Mission." He says the Malcolm X banner belongs to RAW. "We are proud of it. Hongisto swept up hundreds of people, saying they had the intention of committing violence. That is simply untrue. It reminds us of the coup d'etat in Chile."

MORE FUN AND GAMES WITH MARTIAL LAW

Even after the state of emergency was officially dropped, reliable sources at City Hall and elsewhere say that Hongisto still wanted to call a local state of emergency on Sunday, May 3, for Dolores Park—a charge Hongisto flatly denies. The alleged reason for Hongisto's Dolores Park shutdown request was to prevent a defendants' meeting planned for Sunday. The meeting was organized in Santa Rita jail by the 300 or so people picked up in Friday's sweeps, who were stuck in jail for over 30 hours.

According to Riva Enteen of the NLG, who also heard about the allegations, Hongisto was afraid the defendants' meeting, organized to discuss legal tactics, would turn into a violent protest.

City Hall sources say that Hongisto twice requested that he be granted a local state of emergency, or at least have the gathering declared an illegal assembly, but he was turned down by the Mayor—twice. Hongisto rejects the accusations, and adds, "The truth is, we are anxious to get as far away from crowd control [as possible] and deal with serious crime. We don't like this work. It is bad PR."

Although Hongisto denies there was any intent to declare a local state of emergency, there were an awful lot of riot police just hanging out in the alleys around 18th Street and Dolores—estimates of their numbers ran as high as 200. Newly released detainees, who had gathered at Dolores Park, were so jittery about the heavy police presence that organizers requested that Supervisors Migden, Kevin Shelley and Hallinan, as well as Mayoral aide-de-camp Jean Harris, show up and provide safe passage to the Women's Building, where the meeting continued until about 10 pm.

Angie Fa, president of the Harvey Milk Lesbian/Gay Democratic Club, said the next day, "People were scared to walk to the Women's Building. What has happened to the city of San Francisco? Is this the United States, or is this El Salvador?!"

MONDAY, MONDAY...

The May 4 board meeting attendees saw conservative supporters of Mayor Jordan and Chief Hongisto mount a powerful counter-offensive to support the administration's strong-arm tactics. Half the room was full of conservatives holding signs saying "Support Jordan and Hongisto." They faced off against an equal number of the Mayor's and the Chief's opponents, who held up signs opposing the police tactics and policies: "Stop the Police State," "Hongisto Resign," etc. Both sides jousted for the rest of the afternoon.

Some in the audience were ambivalent about the crackdown. "On Friday, I saw the police mass on 21st Street and Bartlett, and I felt very secure," said Hilda Bernstein, a veteran resident of the Mission. "I was grateful the police were there, but when the danger passed, I [was] concerned about a potential erosion of civil liberties."

Others saw the police actions as decisive and long overdue. "I want to thank Mayor Jordan and

Chief Hongisto. They are doing a wonderful job, and it should have been done years ago," said Connie Weber, who seemed to reflect the view of many who came to support Jordan and Hongisto. "We have never had so many police, and we are happy."

Dr. Xavier Barrios supported Hongisto's strategy, saying there were protests and arrests, but no serious injuries—a contention loudly disputed by the crowd. Dr. Barrios asserted, "It takes a lot of courage to be a leader and stop the problems that would have developed if Friday's decision hadn't been made. You have no idea how much mischief and damage was saved."

The support shown for Jordan may not have been entirely spontaneous. Well-placed sources within City Hall charge that Chris Bowman, the Mayor's gay Republican point man, and Erica Henry, of the Mayor's Office of Housing and Community Development, were both operating out of the Mayor's office all morning on May 4, working the phones to round up supporters. Bowman offered a terse "no comment" when asked about the allegations. Henry did not return calls made to her home and office.

Support for Jordan and Hongisto is not entirely solicited: It is tangibly real and not just restricted to heterosexuals. Les Hennessy, acting president of the Merchants of Upper Market (while the majority of those businesses are gay-owned, Hennessy is straight), asserts, "We were absolutely outraged that looters had again taken to our streets, jeopardizing our life and property. The swiftness with which Hongisto moved on Friday was finally very welcome under the new administration.... Had we still had Agnos, we would have been another L.A. in flames."

Hennessy wholeheartedly supports the state of emergency: "Not one person was shot; not one person died in a very tumultuous, paranoid weekend." Hennessy has little sympathy for those arrested on Thursday or Friday. He trusts police contacts that told him of molotov cocktails and protesters that jeered the police. "It was not a case of innocent bystanders," says Hennessy. "My personal feeling is that there is not one person in San Francisco who could not know of the pending curfew. If you were foolish enough to want to go out on Friday, especially to hotbed areas like Castro and 18th, you were asking to get swept up. Period."

THE JORDAN-HONGISTO BROOM

Not surprisingly, those who spent the weekend in jail see it differently. Gerard Koskovich, gay historian and a thorn in the side of the SFPD for many years, was walking in the Castro well before the 9 pm curfew, when he was caught in the sweep. Koskovich, along with 50 or so other gays and lesbians, was trapped on 18th and Hartford Streets and hauled down to Pier 38.

"What we saw were bus loads of people from the Mission," says Koskovich. According to Koskovich, the first vanloads had "people of color, poor people, queers and neighborhood folk in them." Later, he saw gays and lesbians from the Castro. Finally, about 1 am, a bus load of hookers and homeless people rolled in.

"As these various populations arrived at the pier, it became clear that what we were seeing was a campaign of social purification," says Koskovich. "It has nothing to do with the suspension of criminal activity. It has to do with imprisoning and terrorizing the groups of people that Frank Jordan, his right-wing supporters and the Police Department hate and fear."

In the Mission, the stories of those arrested were virtually identical. First, they would see the police heading toward them. People—be they demonstrators or pedestrians—would promptly and sensibly go in the opposite direction, only to be cut off by a line of blue. Then they were arrested. It simply didn't matter if you were a tourist, *Business Week* reporter or just coming home from work: Everyone got picked up—and this was well before the official curfew at 9 pm.

In the Castro, a group of gays and lesbians, protesters and pedestrians, were walking up 18th Street. They were diverted up Hartford only to find police blocking off the exit. When they tried to head back, police used their truncheons.

Barbara Hall was one of those who, at first, escaped from the Mission, only to end up at SF General requiring stitches for a bloody gash to her leg. She was marching up 18th until she was cordoned off. Hall asserts, "Badge number 747 told me to get up. I looked at him. He hit me in the leg with his baton. I said, 'If anything happens, I will sue.' He said, 'Go up the hill you stupid little—' and stopped himself. I said, 'Go ahead, say it. Say, "Stupid little nigger bitch." You know you want to!' "

The situation in the Castro was not helped by a blitzkrieg of fear that some allege is the responsibility of the Mayor's office and the SFPD. On Friday afternoon, the Castro was awash in rumors that the area was about to be attacked either by the Revolutionary Communist Party (RCP) or a group of youths intent on mayhem, from either the Richmond District or the East Bay. In addition, rumors surfaced that a large political rally was planned for the Castro. None of the rumors panned out, but they spread panic in the community. Scott Reed, an employee at the Cove Cafe, says he saw a police officer come into the restaurant at about 3:30 pm and warn there was liable to be trouble that afternoon and that they should consider closing.

Les Hennessy says the first such rumors came from a phone call allegedly from the Mayor's office. Hennessy tried but failed to track down the source. He says the Mayor's office denied any such call was made. Two days later Hongisto ally Doug Comstock was still swearing that the RCP—a small political sect which has been known primarily for spray painting political graffiti—were all set to bash the Castro.

Things got worse from there. The people swept up from Hartford Street found themselves shipped off to Santa Rita in the middle of the night, with special treatment reserved for the gay prisoners. Gays were put in a locked holding pen, unlike other prisoners who were in unlocked pens. Later on, a homophobic guard stuck the sign "Homos" on their door when he realized they were gay. "Cellblock Homo" inmates were screamed at whenever they held hands or showed affection for one another. "They fucked us over. They made us last [in line] for everything. We heard them say, 'They go last,'" charges Francis Rudy, a San Francisco playwright. Sure enough, "Cellblock Homo" was among the last released.

Steve Smith, a San Francisco resident and PWA, was among those taken to Santa Rita jail. On arrival, the men were separated from the women. The women were sent inside to be processed, and the men left outside in the frigid night air. When Smith could take it no longer, he tried to go inside, pleading that he is a PWA; and he asked for medical treatment. Smith charges an Alameda police officer put on gloves, turned him around and literally kicked him in the ass outdoors, saying, "Here's your medical treatment."

Filmmaker Marc Huestis says he went to join the rally and was instead picked up in the Mission—without his AZT. When he finally got to the jail, he begged for medications. "I said I needed AZT. On the first go 'round they did not have my meds. I said, 'Where were they?' They said, 'You can drop dead.'" Huestis says he received his AZT on the third medical rounds, and that was done under the table by a Santa Rita nurse who was also a hospice nurse.

TORCHING THE POWDERKEG

On Thursday night the phrase that this reporter heard over and over again was, "This goes beyond Rodney King." It came from Black lips, brown lips and white lips, from men, women, gays and straights. The overriding sentiment was expressed best by Edward Goehring, as the march made its angry way downtown to the sound of breaking glass and crunching police batons: "WHAT THE FUCK DID THEY EXPECT!?"

The angry march quickly exploded into raging confrontations with the SFPD and was followed by outbreaks of looting on Market Street. The SFPD split up the march, over and over again, which, in part, degenerated into roving bands of looters. Attorney Eva Paterson says, "I spoke with a young woman who said the protests were peaceful until the police got violent. She said a cop came up to her and said, 'Just give me an excuse to beat you up.' "

The SFPD were extremely keyed up, and the protesters did nothing to calm them down. That night the police themselves were the issue. There were several incidents of pitched battles at the State Building, Knob Hill and Market Street, with injuries on all sides.

Photo by Jane Philomen Cleland

QUIET RIOT: JORDAN & HONGISTO LOOT THE CONSTITUTION

Later in the evening, at the corner of Market and 4th—barely 50 yards away from where looters were having an undisturbed field day—the SFPD busily arrested 200-300 demonstrators. At the scene, Nese Guinyard, a young African American woman, declared, "I am not surprised by the verdict. It shows the racist mentality of the nation. I have watched this all my life. This is my childhood here, again. It is the same shit! Every African American or person of color or person who believes in justice is not safe."

The SFPD announced to the crowd that they were armed with stun-guns and prepared to use them. One demonstrator says he witnessed a pregnant Black woman being jabbed in the stomach with a baton. This reporter saw other protesters beaten about the head and body with batons during the skirmishes. At Union Square, an angry African American man walked through police lines and shrugged off an attempt to grab him—he was felled with one stabbing blow to the kidneys. Rachel, a young white women at Union Square, says she and six African American men got into a yelling match with some police. She says the cops grabbed the African Americans, slamming them up against the wall. "They just stared at me," she said.

What was different about this protest march at the beginning and most of the way through, was its composition. The RAW demonstration at Mission and 24th on Thursday began as a largely under-30s affair with a 50-50 racial and class mix that is unusual in political demonstration here. The number of people of color present trailed off as the evening wore on. The usual rag tag spectrum of politicos and punks were present, but there were also contingents of Latino teenagers from the Mission and young African Americans from Valencia Gardens and the Mission. They were all there, at least initially, for one reason—Rodney King.

Andre Ponce, a 16-year-old Latino from the Excelsior District, explained why he was out protesting: "You have four or five cops beating up on one dude, and then every damn cop in the whole world will be able to beat up people!"

Kass McMahon, director of the NLG, says the eventual imposition of the state of emergency was the administration playing the "race card." She says, "The fact is, the local government never responded with such iron-fisted authority to demonstrations [before]. They are afraid of the race issue here. They are capitalizing on people's perceived fear of what would happen. They are capitalizing on racist fears of what Blacks will do when they are angry."

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SOUTH AFRICA? CHINA?... SAN FRANCISCO!

Tom Nolan in Tough Race For Congress—or, Sometimes It's Hard To Be A Liberal

BY BRETT MCDONNELL

On June 2, Peninsula Democrats get to vote for a liberal gay person with a strong record of public achievement to be their nominee for Congress. They also get to vote for a progressive woman running on a strong feminist platform. They also get to vote for an up-and-coming *wunderkind*. Unfortunately, it would take three votes to choose all of these people, and they only get one.

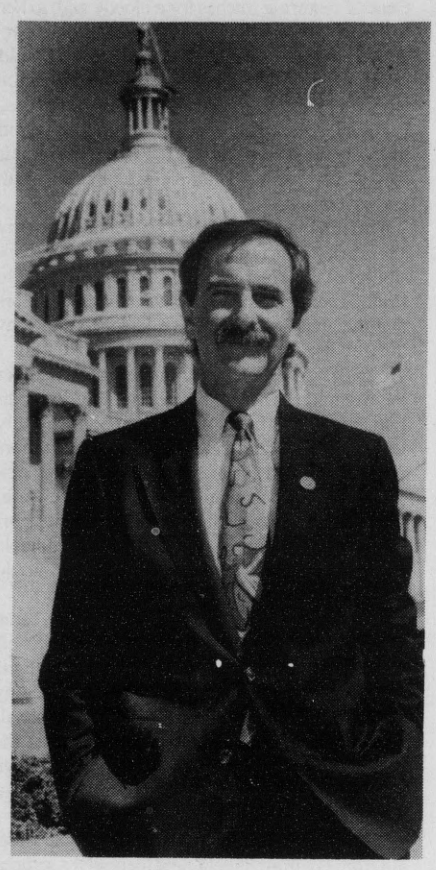
Tom Nolan's face and name should be familiar to people in San Francisco's lesbian/gay/bisexual community. He has been a San Mateo County Supervisor since 1984, and an outspoken gay man and community leader. He is running against seven other people for the Democratic nomination in the 14th congressional district, which includes Palo Alto, Belmont, Redwood City, Half Moon Bay, Mountain View and parts of Santa Clara and Sunnyvale, among other cities.

It would seem like a no-brainer for the queer community, and indeed Nolan is getting support from most people in the community who have gotten involved. However, there are at least two other major candidates running against Nolan who have impressive liberal credentials. Anna Eshoo, a colleague of Nolan on the Board of Supervisors, ran for the same seat and narrowly lost in November 1988 to Tom Campbell, the Republican now running for the Senate. Ted Lempert is a popular 30-year-old member of the state Assembly. It is a very tough race indeed.

Should Nolan get the nomination, he would have a good chance of becoming the first gay person ever to be initially elected to Congress as an out gay man. Congress currently has two out gay members, Barney Frank and Gerry Studds, both from Massachusetts. But both of them came out only after they were in Congress (both have been re-elected since coming out). According to Tom Page, Nolan's campaign coordinator, with redistricting the district has "gone from swing Republican to swing Democrat. The district is now 46 to 48 percent Democratic and 36 to 38 percent Republican." Hence, the winner of the Democratic primary will probably be the favorite in November, if only slightly. The Republican primary is also hotly contested.

According to Page, "On 95 percent of the issues, Tom, Ted and Anna will all vote the same. They are all good, solid, reliable liberal voters." Lempert campaign manager Tom Carroll echoes this, saying, "All of the three candidates are really terrific candidates. They are almost the same [in their stances on issues]." In a race like this, candidates must work hard to distinguish themselves, partly by image, partly by past record of accomplishments, and partly by what issues they will champion and become centrally involved in.

Clearly, on lesbian and gay issues Nolan is the one who would take a leading role. As even Carroll says, "Lempert's positions on lesbian and gay rights are exactly the same as Tom Nolan's, but let's be honest, Ted's not going to be the same advocate as Tom is." Nolan is also likely to be the most active on AIDS issues. One of his main accomplishments on the San Mateo board has been the county's AIDS policy.



Says Page, "Tom says that AIDS is a suburban issue; it doesn't stop at Candlestick Park. Tom got the AIDS program in San Mateo County started. It is considered one of the model suburban programs in the country."

Beyond this, Nolan's main accomplishments have been in transportation policy. He represents San Mateo County on the Transportation Commission and has been very active. According to Page, Nolan helped break the logjam that prevented BART from moving into the county, and gave money to help build East Bay BART stations, which opened the way politically for the current drive to bring BART to (or near) the San Francisco Airport. Nolan was also crucial in working for Measure A, which provided money for extending Caltrain to downtown San Francisco and south to Gilroy.

"All told," Page says, "what the transportation projects are going to do is create 26,000 jobs, and take 2,000 cars a day off Bay Area freeways. That's the equivalent of building a four-lane freeway into downtown San Francisco. It will greatly improve air quality and traffic."

Nolan has also received a lot of publicity around his ordinance—the first in the nation—requiring pet owners to neuter their animals or pay a higher fee. Nolan also authored an ordinance banning firework sales in the county. Both of these ordinances apply only to unincorporated parts of the county.

Says Page, "Tom will take on issues that other people really prefer to avoid. The example a person has set and what they've done with the office they held is the best indicator of how they will do [in a future office]."

In line with this past record, in the current race Nolan's top issues are health care, education, and the economy. On health care, Nolan supports the Pepper report, advocating a joint public/private system, prevention and standardized insurance forms. In the area of education, he wants full funding for Head Start, a raise in teacher salaries, and a student loan program that allows students to do public service to pay off their loans. As for the economy, Nolan points to his work on transportation and to the fact that he is receiving support from both the building trades and mortgage bankers, a tough balancing act.

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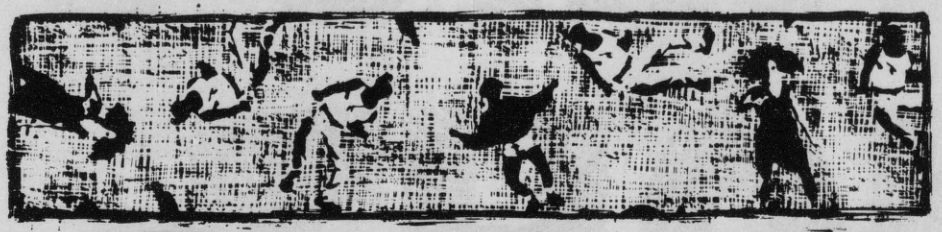

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Many of us haven't heard from Susie Bright since she was editor of *On Our Backs*, the lesbian sex magazine, where she worked for five years. During that time she edited *Herotica*, a collection of woman's erotica, plus she compiled *Susie Sexpert's Lesbian Sex World*, worked on Blush production videos, starred in Monica Treut's *The Virgin Machine*, wrote reviews for *Penthouse*, and produced an erotic film show for Frameline.

Then our consummate slut/intellectual left to have a baby and concentrate on her own writing. For the last year, Bright has written profiles for *Esquire*, travelled extensively, lectured, and mothered her beautiful baby girl, Aretha. When I called Susie for an interview, Aretha had just put on her very first pair of sunglasses by herself. Mother and child were squealing in ecstacy.

I have known Susie for a very long time. The first time I met her, she was 16 and I was dating her dad's girlfriend. She comes from very civilized people. The last time I saw Susie Bright was the morning of my 40th birthday. Susie was downstairs on my stoop singing "Happy Birthday" and loking like she could sell S/M gear door-to-door. The dog was barking, and I ran down to say thanks but shut up, because I still had a trick in my bed, and she was still sleeping. Susie's eyes started glowing like a nuclear reactor pit. "You have a *girl* up there?" she asked, pushing past me and the dog to take the stairs two at a time. She ran into my bedroom and said, "Hi, I'm Susie Bright!"

(SF Bay Times) Susie, bring us up to date with you.

(Susie Bright) I have these two books coming out this spring that I've been working on forever. The first is *Herotica II: A Collection of Women's Erotic Fiction*. These are stories I've edited, stories about the female sexual mind. In the introduction to this series I've decided to get down about what is women's erotica after all, and get beyond the cliches and toothpaste ads, and really tear it up. I'm very proud of that.

The second book is a collection of my own essays, *Susie Bright's Sexual Reality: A Virtual Sex World Reader*. That will have a lot of the same feeling and humor that people will remember from *Susie Sexpert's Lesbian Sex World*, but it is decidedly more serious, and more into the territory of sexual conflict and relationships, rather than the actual techniques.

In many ways, *Sexworld* was a how-to kind of book; lots of practical information that was based on five years of essays. Since then I've gone around the block. I don't have a lot more tips. I wanted to get more into the psychic material behind the sexual dilemmas. Its the best writing I've ever done.

And Frameline is producing "All Girl Action," Friday, May 8, and "How to Read a Dirty Movie," May 9 at the Castro Theatre. I remember when you first presented these at the San Francisco Lesbian and Gay Film Festival two years ago, you were criticized for their racist content, that the sexuality of the people of color in the clips was exaggerated.

Everybody's sexuality was exaggerated! I remember the protester at the Roxie—she was handing out leaflets which read "Susie Bright is a racist," and I am not! and it reminded me of my undergraduate days at UC Santa Cruz—the epicenter of curdled-tofu politics. There was a little natural wooden button with non-toxic paint on it which read, "I AM NOT A RACIST." The purging white politically-correct person could go out and buy it. Anyone who would wear a button like that is suffering from the worst case of blind racism. When I [talk about] this woman handing out that flyer, it reminded me of that. Something in my show really pressed her buttons about the unbearable state of race relations in America, but her desire to separate herself from that, and that I was part of the swamp, and that she was not, is *crap*.

In the show you have two things going on that she wasn't seeing. First, in some ways porn is more integrated than other venues. Often there isn't any attention paid to the ethnic differences of the actors—people just fuck and suck, and they act as if there's no difference at all. The way they make the movie is that everybody's thrown in there and told, "Start being kinky until we run out of film." Consequently, white audiences start seeing non-white actors as being white. For example, Vanessa Del Rio, one of the stars in a clip I show, is sometimes put in a film situation where her "exotic" looks are emphasized, and sometimes not. Both of those situations are typical of pornography: it is often oblivious to everything except the old in-and-out. The one feature of porn is that everything disappears except the hole and the hard-on.

And secondly, there's the situation where porn emphasizes and exaggerates racial differences as a way to stimulate racist fantasies, the fantasy of interracial sex, the fantasy that anyone who is darker is a sexual powerhouse. It plays on the stereotype of whiteness being pure or innocent or frigid or uptight, and a darker person is knowledgeable, wilder or insatiable.

I remember at the Homosex Rules discussion, you seemed to say that racism is erotic.

I wasn't advocating: Would you please be more racist so I could be more turned-on! Rather, it was more a statement: Erotic feelings are based on taboos and anxieties which have a real basis or root in society. They don't come out of a vacuum. We don't eroticize taboos that don't exist. In every culture, if you can find the greatest strife, you will find that society's erotic source and sexual fantasy as well. For example, when you think of classical 19th century British erotica, you think of masters and servants, public school boys, the cane, all the elements of a class society—that's what makes British erotica tick. Now, is that because everyone loves the legacy of class society?—No!—but sexual fantasies are not sugar and spice and everything nice.

When Andrea Dworkin went to Israel and said she could see reverberations of holocaust imagery in Israeli soft porn, she's absolutely right! It's always going to be the greatest horror. In the U.S. our national fame and shame is built around immigration, slavery, racial strife—it almost substitutes for the class struggle. Our country has the most wild and brutal history of racism, and so of course that's going to be where our sexual angst comes from.

What is lesbian porn going to look like, given it's always going to be the greatest strife?

Pat Califia says it best in one of the clips from Honey Lee Contell's *Sweet Dreams* movies. "Since I'm a lesbian, my fantasies are going to be about men, children, animals...." She's commenting on the most far-out, outrageous material, the last things a lesbian would think about sexually, but if you have an understanding that eroticism lives in guilt and anxiety, it's obvious that that's what lesbians would find erotic.

Now there are different levels of fantasy. First there is something you'd do in a hot second, for example, k.d. lang on your doorstep saying, "I've always wanted to kiss you." Would you hesitate?! Probably not. Would it be fun to imagine? That's the sexual fantasy not weighted down by cultural anxiety. Secondly, there are the kinds of fantasies where you would have some more trepidation because of fear of the unknown, for example group sex or anal sex would be in this category, if you've never done it. It's hot because you are curious and innocent. Then there is the level of fantasy that goes into a mysterious place, the things that make you blush or pull on your sense of shame, the physically impossible.

PHOTOS BY PHYLLIS CHRISTOPHER

Give us an example.

I am a love slave in a three-ring circus. That's a favorite of mine! Anything involving priests and nuns and getting punished is very titillating to me. When I was little, I was very attracted to the Catholic Church as a source of big No-No's. I went to Catholic school for several years, and so the idea of doing it in a church—I have fantasies involving wild religious scenarios. Aren't your fantasies like this, with your weird Serbian-orthodox background?

Not really, when I was doing the children's book....

Are you into children?!

No, only the child within. I decided I wanted to use a famous lesbian mom for the lesbian mother in the book, so I called Donna Hitchens, the first openly lesbian Superior Court judge elected in the United States. Her voice was like honey on the phone—she could turn me into a bowl of sweet warm milk! And she was in her chamber. Naturally, I asked her what she had on, and she said she had on her black robe. What a hunk this woman is, too! I mean she's fought the good fight, a real amazon warrior. She was excited about the project, but it turned out that my publisher didn't want to use anybody famous.

So, did you two have phone sex?

No, it wasn't like that. But I've always wanted to commit a high crime for which I would be executed, and my fantasy is that I'd be brought before Judge Hitchens, and she would sentence me to death. I could tell by her eyes that she didn't want to—she probably doesn't believe in the death penalty—she's so tender! So she mercifully asks me how I'd like the execution to be carried out. "I want to die by your hands, Donna," I'd say. "I want you to flog me to death with Magnolia blossoms."

Magnolia blossoms! That would take a while.

My fantasies aren't very religious because the "church" in my home town was an amphitheater in a meadow—it was like a nature hut! Have you ever been in Mary Wings' bathroom? Now there's a religious shrine! There are martyred saints in every imaginable state of pain and ecstasy, and it's a bathroom, after all, where people shit, for Christ's sake!

Religion has such a heavy-handed role in shaping children's sexuality, and controlling older people's sexuality, that it's natural for our sexual fantasies to be here as well.

I'm discouraged that people would see my role as a cheerleader. In my porn 101, "How to Read a Dirty Movie," I'm true to the title. I don't show it like "Now give me a 'P', give me an 'O', give me an 'R', give me an 'N',...give me a break! I would like to look at this critically, as I would any other kind of entertainment.

So, is it merely an intellectual interest?

I am interested in porn because I'm interested in sex. Porn is the public, commercial expression of sex and of the times. I try to imagine who watches it—who is it made for—because that tells you a lot about their fears and values. So, looking at porn critically tells you about the culture at that particular time. It's a cultural lens, as is literature or any other intellectual material.

There is a certain way that I am a cheerleader for porn, besides being enlightening. It's good for you to be aroused, to have a lot of orgasms, to know your body and what you like. It's good for you to get off—it's better than spinach—and you'll

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Who are your political elders?

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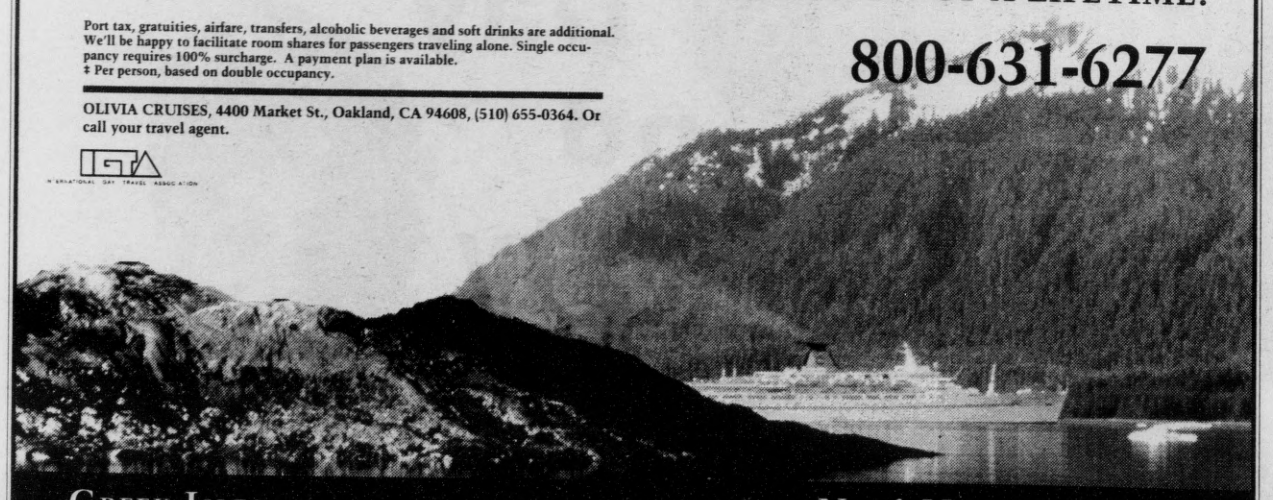

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Shanti Diversifies; Draws Fire for Discrimination

BY TOMMI AVICOLLI MECCA

Critics of the changes taking place at San Francisco's Shanti Project say that Shanti has gutted the very heart of the program that once provided a model of AIDS care delivery for the world.

These critics, former volunteers and a former employee, claim that changes in the organization's training program, as well as personnel, reflect a misunderstanding of the original purpose of the agency and political ambitions on the part of the director and the deputy director.

But Shanti's top brass believe the criticisms stem from the gradual implementation of the Multicultural Plan over the last three years, which has resulted in the transformation of an all-white, male organization into an agency that now boasts 50 percent women and 50 percent people of color on its staff of 75, as well as a greater sensitivity toward all cultures in its programming.

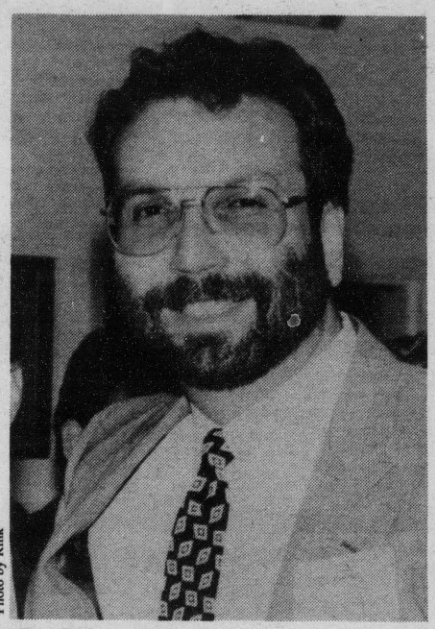
The Multicultural Plan is the indirect result of an "excess of 75" complaints lodged with the city Human Relations Commission (HRC) during a tumultous period in Shanti's history. In 1988, as the controversial directorship of Jim Geary was coming to a close, a series of complaints were filed with the commission that charged the agency with racial and sexual discrimination, and even sexual harassment on the job. Allegations also surfaced that Shanti did not "provide services to women and minority clients," according to Norm Nickens, attorney with the Lesbian/Gay Advisory Committee to the HRC.

As part of the settlement of that complaint, Shanti agreed to develop an affirmative action plan in terms of employment issues. The board also decided to look at how Shanti provided services to women and minorities.

That commitment to affirmative action and examining how non-whites and women are serviced was already in place when current director Eric Rofes came on board in April 1989. But it was Rofes who led the development of the Multicultural Plan.

Another component of the settlement called for the commission to monitor "the affirmative action plan and the personnel policy (of Shanti) for two years."

During that two-year period, August 1988 to August 1990, Shanti adhered "to the full terms and the full spirit" of the agreement between the two agencies. It also initiated its Multicultural Plan. When the monitoring was completed, the commission found no fault with Shanti's compliance with the terms of the agreement.



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Eric Rofes

Nickens says that the Multicultural Plan was completely the work of Shanti; the commission had no hand in designing or implementing it.

THE PLAN

Rofes recalls that when he was hired in 1989, "My top mandate was to diversify the agency." Rofes, who hails from New York City, is a former collective member of Boston's *Gay Community News* and executive director of the Los Angeles Gay and Lesbian Community Services Center; he has a history of working with diversity issues at both organizations.

The goal of the Multicultural Plan at Shanti, Rofes says, is to "take an organization that provides excellent services to a certain class of gay men, and assure that similar excellent services be provided to other types of gay men and HIV-infected individuals."

The plan involved overhauling the agency to assure that it serves all populations affected by HIV, including gay white men, gay men of color, women, women with children, IV drug users, gay men of specific subcultures (transpeople, hustlers, sex industry workers, leather people), the deaf and hearing-impaired, people in wheelchairs and the differently abled.

Melinda Paras, a former head of the speakers bureau at Community United Against Violence, who has lived in the Bay Area for the past 20 years, was brought aboard to fill a newly created position: director of Multicultural Affairs, the person who would oversee implementation of the plan. Paras is now deputy director of Shanti.

The plan was designed to take two years to get into full gear, starting in January 1990. At the end of each year, an evaluation was conducted. Not only were staff, board and committees to be integrated, but programs were targeted for evaluation to determine if they were culturally sensitive. Staff trainings were initiated on issues such as racism, classism and sexism.

The result? Shanti's staff of 75 is now half women, half people of color. Its 17-member board is more integrated. It has programs in the Tenderloin, the Mission and South of Market, areas serving populations that are poor, gay male, minority or any combination of the three.

MAJORITY VS. MINORITY

While Rofes admits that the majority of AIDS cases in San Francisco were, and still are, among gay white men, "Being a majority doesn't mean that the minority doesn't get excellent services also." And gay white men as a class are not uniformly middle-class, says Rofes. Shanti realized the need to serve poor and young gay white men also.

Currently San Francisco has about 3,600 people living with AIDS. Of those, 93 percent are gay or bisexual men, 81 percent of whom are white. To date the city has lost 11,800 people to HIV. "Because the gay white male community has suffered such a loss in this city and such grief," says Rofes, "we want to cling to organizations, and sometimes we want to keep them for ourselves."

Charges surfaced in local media recently that during this time of transition to a multicultural organization, hiring practices at Shanti were less than honorable. In one case, Paras allegedly hired friends from the Green Party and the No on K campaign (the opposition group to the repeal of domestic partners). In another scenario, white gay men were passed over for employment in an effort to integrate women and people of color into the organization. Finally, some say that the two leaders of the transition, Rofes and Paras, have political ambitions and are using Shanti to further these aims.

Critics are denying that the charges against Shanti and the recent resignations have anything to do with the Multicultural Program. Instead, they say the heart of Shanti is being gutted, that it's no longer the emotional support program it was for staff, volunteers and clients.

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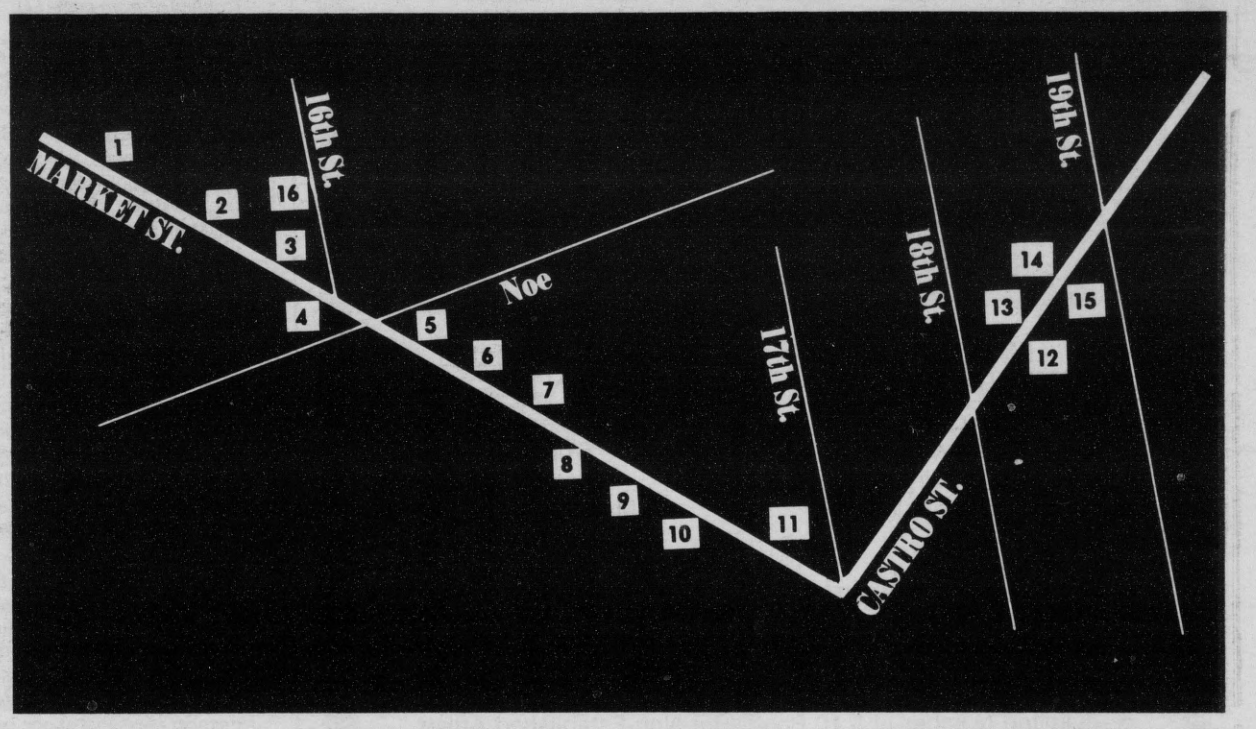
The building of single-family Victorian homes and flats in the 1870s helped to populate the region. Affordable housing attracted the working classes of Irish, German, Scandinavian and Swiss descent. The European influence was so strong that Eureka Valley was commonly called Swiss Valley. Nearby rock quarries at Corona and Douglass Heights provided employment for these immigrants.

Livery stables and breweries became numerous along Castro Street. City services were needed for this developing area. A cable car line running along Castro Street to 26th Street was established in 1887. For entertainment the first nickelodeon in the city, the original movie house, was established in 1889 at 18th and Collingwood streets. The region retained some of its farming lands which, after the 1906 earthquake, helped to feed survivors. The grand Castro Theatre, which remains to this day, was designed by Timothy Pfleuger, the architect of the Paramount Theatre in Oakland. The original Castro Theatre was situated at the present location of Cliff's Variety.

From its early Gold Rush history, San Francisco has been an open and tolerant city. For example, tolerance was evident in the '50s with the beatniks in North Beach and in the '60s with the hippies in the Haight Ashbury. This same tolerance was evident again in the late '60s when the gay community arrived in this family neighborhood. They came to live, open up businesses, and establish a vibrant community. Gone are Georgiana Bakery, Andy's Donut Shop, Bon Ami Variety Store, Owl Insurance & Realty, Anderson Pharmacy, Fred & Roland's Meats, and the Castro Street Garage; present-day replacements are businesses like Escape From New York Pizza, Headlines, Herth Realty, Spinelli Coffee Co., Walgreen's, and A Different Light Bookstore.

Despite the sadness of loss from the AIDS epidemic, the Upper Market area remains a vibrant and popular neighborhood. Becoming more and more gentrified, the Castro and Upper Market Region with its sunny climate and beautifully renovated Victorian and Edwardian homes, is a desirable location in which to live.



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Michael Frederickson, a former Volunteer Resource Developer for Shanti for three years, says he had to interview for his own job when that position was turned into two. His original job incorporated several tasks: volunteer recruitment, appreciation of volunteers and the production of the newsletter. The splitting up of the position gave him appreciation and newsletter production, but not volunteer recruitment. He had to interview for the volunteer recruitment position.

Frederickson left, considered a complaint with the city Human Relations Commission, then, feeling "burned out," decided not to pursue it any further and took a job with the NAMES Project.

Frederickson feels Paras hired "a lot of friends." He says, "People in the community need to look into this. I have nothing against the people who got jobs," but, he adds, "I feel in this case, based on my qualifications and work history, that Melinda only wanted to replace me with a friend."

Frederickson feels that gender parity is one thing, but every single director of direct services at the agency was, at the time of his leaving, a woman. Considering that the client base is still heavily male, he feels this is inappropriate. Mike Munzell, a former Volunteer Advisory Board member, says that at one point, "They weren't hiring men for a while to balance the staff."

But both Rofes and Paras deny that friends or unqualified individuals were hired. "People who have been hired have never been hired as tokens," says Rofes. "They've been the most qualified people for the job." Paras says she doesn't discriminate against anybody. "No one's given any preference," she adds.

Rofes and Paras do not understand criticism that Shanti hired people from activist groups such as No on K and the Green Party. They deny targeting either organization when hiring. "We're always on the outlook for good skilled people," says Paras.

"Shanti for years hired people [they] knew from the chorus and softball, from all kinds of social networks," says Rofes. Wherever they come from, the people Shanti hired are "the best people for the job," he adds.

TRAINING CHANGES

Changes in the training program are at the core of the latest controversy surrounding Shanti, resulting in the resignation of four volunteers out of over 1,000.

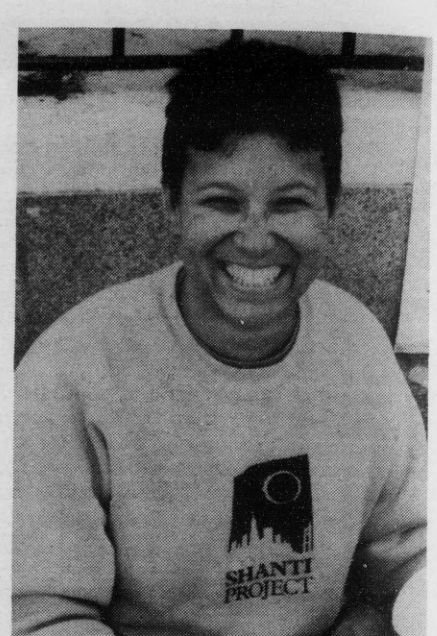
Munzell feels that the changed training program is "a far cry from what we knew worked." He says the program guts the emotional support element about which Munzell and others felt strongest. This is the "heart of Shanti" about which many volunteers speak.

Munzell, who says he is not out to hurt the organization or any of its employees, feels the Multicultural Plan has been used as a "shield" against criticism of the changes. He is not opposed to multiculturalism, he says; in fact, he's a "great believer in diversity and multiculturalism."

While he says that race is not an issue in the current controversy about training changes, "There is the appearance that 85 percent of the energy in providing services doesn't seem to be directed to 85 percent of the people."

Larry Hjort, recently resigned chair of the Volunteer Services Advisory Board, says in an April 5 letter to Paras that the new training plan is "completely inadequate to produce skilled volunteers." He cites the deletion of experiential exercises and elements with "emotional power," and the spreading of the training over 21 days.

Hjort stresses that he does not object to changes in training; in fact, "we worked hard on making the concept handed to us a workable scheme." He objected to the most recent series of training sessions for some 100 new volunteers, because as currently conceived, the training program is not ready and will produce a "disastrously negative impact on the program, Shanti's reputation, the quality of the volunteer produced, the functioning of the support groups into which those volunteers will be seeded and, ultimately, on the quality of service provided to clients."



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Melinda Paras

Hjort wanted the trainings cancelled until further work could be done on their design.

In their joint letter of resignation, Hjort and Munzell ask that Shanti relinquish the emotional and practical support component of the old training program. "We will assure reaffiliation with another AIDS service agency or re-establishment as an independent agency with separate funding," they write.

Hjort agreed to be interviewed by *SF Bay Times*, then backed down at the last moment before he left for an out-of-town trip because he "doesn't want any more coverage."

PURPOSE OF TRAINING

Shanti hired a training coordinator to oversee trainings and to make the program a uniform one, "so each training is not a total reinvention of the wheel," says Paras.

Rofes says that the purpose of training is to produce a "qualified person who can assist" people with HIV. The purpose is not "emotional bonding, not therapy for staff or volunteers, not the emotional experience of a lifetime for volunteers."

Rofes says that in the midst of the controversy about changes in the training program, two separate trainings were held at the same time as the one at issue: one trained eight new Native American volunteers, and the other about 20 deaf volunteers. Neither was mentioned in the controversy.

Rofes and Paras feel the agency is "sensitive to the needs of staff." When Shanti was smaller, Rofes says, staff thought of it as a family. He says that he is trying to help people "see this is a job, not a family." The agency's priority, he says, is people with AIDS and their families

According to Rofes, when he first started his job, people wanted to take six months off because they broke up with their lovers. "I said you can leave your job or take a leave of absence, but I'm not going to give you time off," Rofes says. "You have to serve people with AIDS."

"Always as part of the growth from a grassroots agency to a complex organization, those dynamics change," says Paras.

"I've always known and believed in what I'm doing here at Shanti," says Rofes. "When there are attacks from other white gay men I feel, even though I don't believe it, that I might be betraying my own community. Then I have to look at what's my community."

"We've always said that the gay community is not just white and not just men," continues Rofes. "It's about people who are like me and people who are not like me. I put myself in a position, through this job and my previous position, of being a white gay man having to face the issue of giving up power and turning it over to women and people of color."

Nolan...

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It is an impressive record, but his opponents claim accomplishments of their own. Cliff Slaton, who is handling the press for Eshoo's campaign, calls Eshoo "a leader in developing the San Mateo County health plan, which provides health care to poor people, a kind of localized Medicaid. It is one of only two counties with such a plan, and is being used as a model for the rest of the state."

Slaton also says that Eshoo has "been instrumental in broadening programs for the disabled community. She established the Commission on the Disabled, the first in the state." Another area where Eshoo has been strong, according to Slaton, is "protecting the coast against unwanted development."

Slaton says that several major issues are at the top of Eshoo's agenda in this race. One is health care, where Eshoo "has been working on her own plan, one which builds on the strength of the current system and goes beyond it by managing cost." A second main issue is converting the economy from its current heavy level of defense spending. Slaton says the current moment provides "a once-in-a-century opportunity to redirect military spending toward peacetime uses." Eshoo calls for a conversion strategy that will boost research and development, provide worker retraining, and assist businesses in switching from military technology to areas such as environmental cleanup, medical technology and mass transit. Eshoo is also heavily pushing her status as a female against two male opponents, which could be a potent vote-getter in this post-Anita Hill period.

Lempert's biggest accomplishment in his three years in the assembly is his Ethics in Government Act, which created a new conflict of interest law for the Legislature, banned legislators from acting as lobbyists for one year after they leave the legislature, and put restrictions on the Board of Equalization. He also "passed the toughest oil spill act in the country," according to Carroll, "and fought to stop cuts in education."

In this race Lempert is pushing a five-point ethics plan for Congress, which would limit campaign spending, control conflicts of interest, force legislators to return campaign contributions to those who later lobby them, require regulatory agencies to keep track of lawmakers who lobby them, and stop Congress from exempting itself from laws that it passes.

Faced with choices like this, what is a good liberal or progressive voter to do? For San Francisco Supervisor Roberta Achtenberg, the choice was easy. She says, "Tom is one of the most remarkable leaders the lesbian and gay community has ever produced. He has been a fine public servant on the San Mateo Board of Supervisors and before that. He is the finest person we could push forward for Congress. The choice was not difficult for me. I have a lot of respect for Anna and I like her very much. She is certainly entitled to run by her quality and her political views, but I can't think of anything more important to the lesbian and gay political movement than electing Tom Nolan to Congress."

Fellow Supervisor Carole Migden made a similar choice. "Tom announced his interest in the race early. He's a broad-based candidate. He's a gay man who has wide appeal because of his work on transportation and regional issues, and we feel we should inject more lesbians and gay men into regional and federal office."

Assembly member Jackie Speier, though, supports Eshoo. As a woman, as a colleague of Lempert, and as a gay-positive politician who until November will represent a part of San Francisco, Speier had an especially difficult choice. She says, "I've worked closely with Anna for many years. She showed toughness and strength in running for the seat four years ago, investing inordinate amounts of money and time when no one thought a Democrat had a shot at it. And she's right on all the issues."

As you might expect, there has in general been quite a split in the endorsements, with many people having to do much soul-searching. As Carroll says, "It's like a civil war down there. People are choosing sides who have been friends for years."

Nolan is, of course, getting support from lesbian and gay persons and organizations. The Gay & Lesbian Victory Fund has raised $35,000 thus far for him. This is the national organization that pioneered in using a 900 number to raise money for candidates. Beyond this, Nolan is receiving support from minority communities, the mayor and entire city council of East Palo Alto, the only two members of the San Mateo Board of Supervisors *not* running, other San Mateo County elected officials, and many labor organizations.

Eshoo's strongest base of support is in the women's community. She has received more than $50,000 from Emily's List, a national organization that supports Democratic female candidates. Along with assembly member Jackie Speier, she is also endorsed by the other Peninsula assembly member, Byron Sher, a blow to Lempert. Eshoo has the endorsement of many elected officials, particularly in Santa Clara County.

Practically speaking, Lempert's biggest endorser is probably Assembly Speaker Willie Brown. Lempert entered the race after reapportionment forced him, Speier and Sher down into two assembly seats, and Lempert did not want to run against either one of them. Page points out the irony in this, since disagreement over reapportionment is one of the main issues keeping Brown from endorsing Nolan, and the victorious apportionment plan that has brought Lempert into the race much more resembles what Nolan supported rather than Brown's plan. Brown's opposition to Nolan has raised some eyebrows in the San Francisco lesbian/gay/bisexual political scene, where lack of support for candidates at the state and national level has been a sore spot for years.

Other than Brown, the California Teacher's Association, Sierra Club, League of Conservation Voters, and COPE have endorsed Lempert.

All three campaigns claim to be having success in getting out volunteers. According to Page, Nolan has the fundraising advantage as of March 31, having raised $198,000 versus $165,000 for Eshoo and $135,000 for Lempert. Eshoo is probably the candidate to beat, however. Her 1988 race for the seat gives her more name recognition, particularly in Santa Clara County, where Nolan and Lempert have not run before. Slaton says this makes up 60 percent of the district.

Page says, however, that according to the Nolan campaign's latest polling, undecided voters are the key and largest part of the electorate. With a month left before the primary, it's still anybody's guess who will be the Democratic nominee in the 14th Congressional District.

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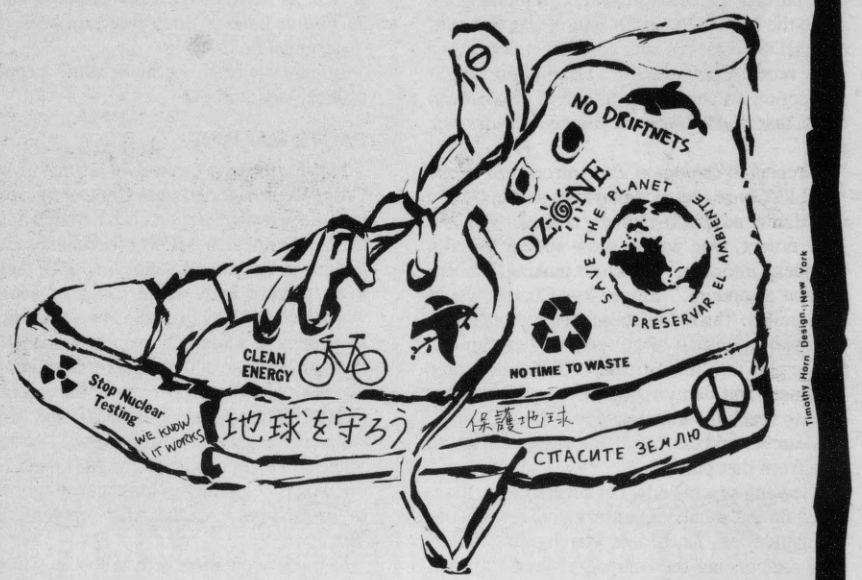

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BY DAVE FORD

Teen Sensation: A Growing Pain

Suppose you're a naturally horny teenager—maybe gay or bi, maybe not—in search of AIDS information. Or maybe you're a parent of same, seeking same. Where do you turn?

Certainly not to the federal government. Even as SF's Balboa High School recently announced it will soon dispense condoms to students with their parents' permission (and not a moment too soon: the March 24 *Chron* reports that this year city AIDS costs will soar past $21 million), the Feds recently unveiled a $1.5 million AIDS-prevention ad campaign, aimed at women and teens, that *doesn't mention what constitutes safe sex*.

A recent *Washington Post* piece, run in the April 13 *Chron*, detailed playfully daring Ogilvy and Mather ad spots originally considered by the government. One was to show actress Whoopi Goldberg intoning, "Ain't no making Whoopi without a condom." Singer Ray Charles would have smiled: "I wouldn't been seen without one." These ads were part of a three-pronged administration plan to: "mainstream" AIDS, encourage treatment and demystify condoms. "Condoms have to reach the mundane level of seat belts," a researcher told the *Post*. "But we are still a long way from that point."

The venturesome ads, not surprisingly, foundered on the shoals of conservative administration pandering. At the late March press conference announcing the campaign, James Mason, assistant secretary of Health and Human Services, offered a breathtakingly gruesome equation: "When the goals of science collide with moral and ethical judgments, there are certain times when science has to take a time-out."

Translation: "because our conservative supporters are in deep denial about the fact that their kids are sexual—and those conservatives won't even acknowledge the existence of gay teens—we will only offer bland brochures and public service announcements that never mention the words *condom* and *sex*, that instead encourage people to 'get information' from 800 numbers" (an action which, as Robert Massa points out in the April 21 *Village Voice*, "often results in a busy signal or terminal hold").

In other words, because some people are prudes, kids will die.

FACTS MACHINE

Not that the facts themselves are that mystifying Citing Centers for Disease Control figures, Victoria Brownsworth reports in the March *Spin* that: the number of teen AIDS cases doubles *every 14 months* in the United States; in 1990, there was a 49 percent increase in cases of adolescent women with AIDS from the previous year; over 85 percent of adolescent women with HIV got it through heterosexual contact (rather than shared needles); and that 25 percent of the recent cases of HIV among people in their 20s and early 30s were contracted during adolescence. Writes she: "The adolescent epidemic of AIDS and HIV in the '90s is beginning to look alarmingly similar to the first wave of the AIDS epidemic of the '80s."

One subpopulation getting lost is gay youth.

Yeah, sure—fuck you, too.

"There is no safe sex for gay kids taught in high schools. There is no effort being made to address these kids, and that makes them even more isolated than heterosexual kids in high schools," Steve Ashkinazy, director of the gay Harvey Milk High School in New York, tells Brownsworth. "And it very well could be killing them."

Locally, a recent SF AIDS Office report on

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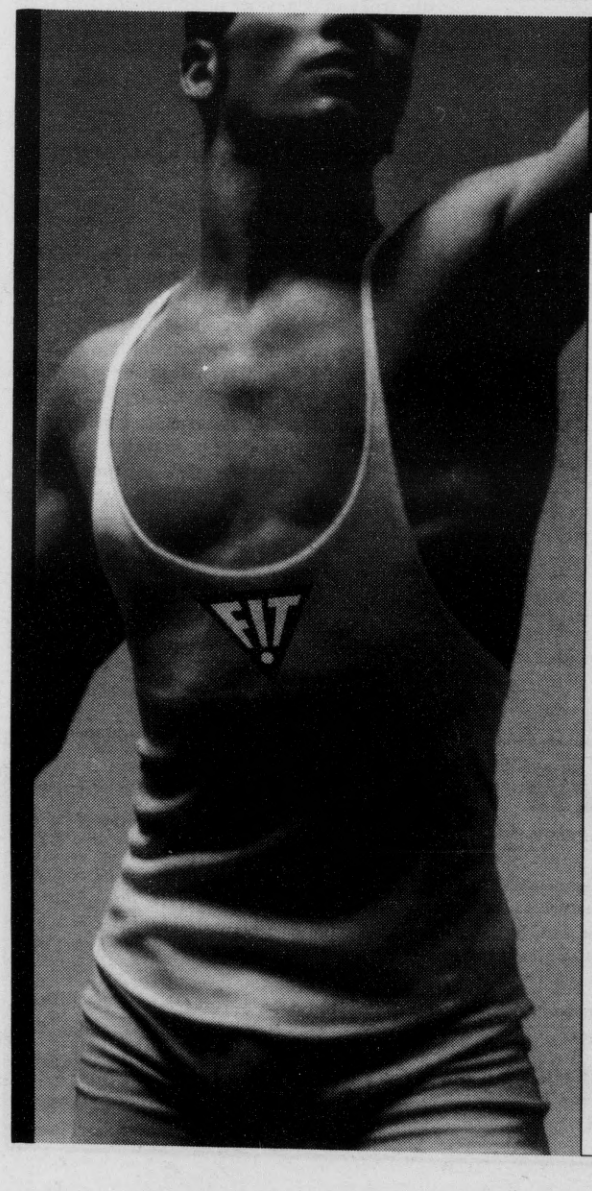

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"HIV Incidence and Prevalence in SF, in 1992" projected that of 650 gay/bisexual men to seroconvert this year, 200 will be under 26. The report said the annual incidence of HIV infection for gay/bisexual men *over* 26 is 1.5 percent (that's 415 of the estimated 50,000 in that age group); for gay/bi men *under* 26, it's 4 percent (200 of the estimated 5,000 17-to-25-year-olds). That means that *late adolescent gay and bisexual men in San Francisco will become HIV-infected at a rate nearly three times that of the gay/bi male population over 26 in 1992*. Remember, too, that last year's SF AIDS Office pilot program, testing young gay/bi men at SF dance clubs, found the highest prevalence of HIV infection in the 17-to-19-year-old and 20-to-22-year-old age range.

Memo to sexually active teens: the gov't wants you dead.

BUT WE'LL KEEP THE PART ABOUT SPANKING

Do the Feds care? Not so's you'd know. They're not even targeting relevant advice to offspring of their own. Horny, information-seeking teens—and their parents—are again left hanging.

The April 11 *New York Times* reports that the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) deleted a six-page chapter on contraception and teen sexuality from "Taking Care of Your Child," a bestselling child-rearing guide sent to 275,000 federal workers with children covered by Blue Cross-Blue Shield health insurance. A spokesperson said the White House "did not participate" in the deletions, and had no comment.

Part of the axed text reads: "Discussions about sexuality between children and their parents are unusual in our society. However, we are at a crossroads in our history when frankness between parents and children about sexual behavior can mean the difference between continuing maturation into adulthood or a life prematurely encumbered with a child or prematurely terminated by AIDS.

"Adolescents need someone to talk to about these issues.... It would be fine if they could talk comfortably with their parents about the issue of sexuality as well. Just saying no is not a conversation."

"Until very recently, our reluctance to openly discuss sexual behavior in schoolrooms and living rooms has resulted in teenagers who are far less informed and reliable than Canadian and European teenagers in their use of contraception and practices of safe sex."

OPM employee Curt Smith tells the *Times* the chapter was dumped to avoid offending delicate sensibilities: "I thought as a federal bureaucrat and someone in charge of making this decision, am I going to cause some people to be offended? Yes....You know, these are issues that alarm people very quickly."

Perfectly (if unintentionally) encapsulating the administration's AIDS stance, Smith adds: "I felt silence would be best. I felt silence would have the best chance of avoiding controversy."

HE SHOOTS! HE SCORES! TWO!

The government is silent, or noisily waffly, so as a horny teen and/or parent of same, you next turn to media figures.

Like sports stars. Here you find some relief. Earvin "Magic" Johnson is threatening to quit the president's National Commission on AIDS if Bushian foot-dragging doesn't stop. "I want [Bush] to stop dancing around the truth," Johnson told the April 21 *Advocate*. "If he's not going to do anything, I want him to just tell me, straight out, 'We can't increase the budget,' instead of running me around."

Johnson's putting his mouth where his money is: as the government releases declawed AIDS ad campaigns and ditches informational book chapters, Johnson walks an astonishingly balanced line in *What You Can Do to Avoid AIDS*, his new book (excerpted in the April 16 *Chron*).

"When you talk about HIV and AIDS," Johnson writes, "one of the issues that's going to come up is homosexuality. Many of you may have been raised to believe that homosexuality is unnatural or morally wrong. In fact, homosexuality is a sexual orientation that you have, not one that you choose....

"It is heartbreaking beyond words when parents reject their own children because those children happen to be gay or lesbian. If a gay child gets the message that being gay is somehow a bad thing, he or she may see HIV infection as a kind of punishment that's deserved, and he or she might not even bother to try to protect himself or herself—or others....

"Many people have been taught that homosexuality is a sin.... You should... know that more and more religious leaders and congregations support lesbian and gay people.

"I am asking you to give your kids a sense that we are all God's creatures and that we all deserve love and compassion."

THE EYELINER? PART OF MY ACT, DUDE

So sports stars can be reasonable. But you're still looking.

You turn to *Sassy*, the supercool mag for teenage girls of all ages and sexes. On the April issue's fashion page, you learn you can buy Silence = Death T-shirts and a brochure "featuring lots of other AIDS-awareness items" (code for condoms?) from ACT UP/NY. That's dope.

But you also see a photo of groovy, multicolored rings, accompanied by this oblique text: "Freedom Rings are so pretty. The official souvenir of the San Francisco Freedom Day Parade, their name goes with the parade's message of tolerance." Hey, wait! *Freedom Rings are queer*! And now, "tolerant" *Sassy* readers will never know it's the "San Francisco *Lesbian And Gay* Freedom Day Parade." (Is this denial, or an incredibly subversive move to get kids to unknowingly sport a queer-positive message?)

Next, naturally, you turn to—rock stars! The admirably in-depth April 30 *Rolling Stone* report on AIDS in rock—prompted by Queen frontqueen Freddie Mercury's recent AIDS death—includes a damning list of industry heavyweights who declined to be interviewed: record mogul David Geffen, Elton John (who recently came out in *Stone*), rocker David Lee Roth, Poison's Brett Michaels, Aerosmith's Steven Tyler, Guns N' Roses' Slash, "and others."

Those participating, however, include everyone from Madonna to Keith Richards, David Byrne to Lady Miss Kier—and beyond. While I do the piece a disservice by only pulling the following quotes, they are nonetheless noteworthy: "The rock and roll business is closeted," says an anonymous gay record exec. "It's not an easy thing to be gay unless you're in the dance business. At a certain level it doesn't matter, though people snicker about them."

Says the B-52s' Kate Pierson, "There's a fear among rock artists who have so much invested in their image and have a fear of being identified with AIDS or as gay." (This from a woman whose band's co-leader, Fred Schneider, is ever circumspect about his, er, *bohemian* sexuality.) Concurs gay Rhino Records exec and ACT UP founder Jim Fouratt: "You cannot be gay in the music world. The heavy-metal and rock communities do not allow there to be a gay hero. Homophobia is at the root of AIDS phobia."

And so you, the hapless teenager, are left without government-sponsored information about deadly, sexually transmitted diseases; without parents hip to sexuality issues—and, if you're gay, without heroes in the popular arts.

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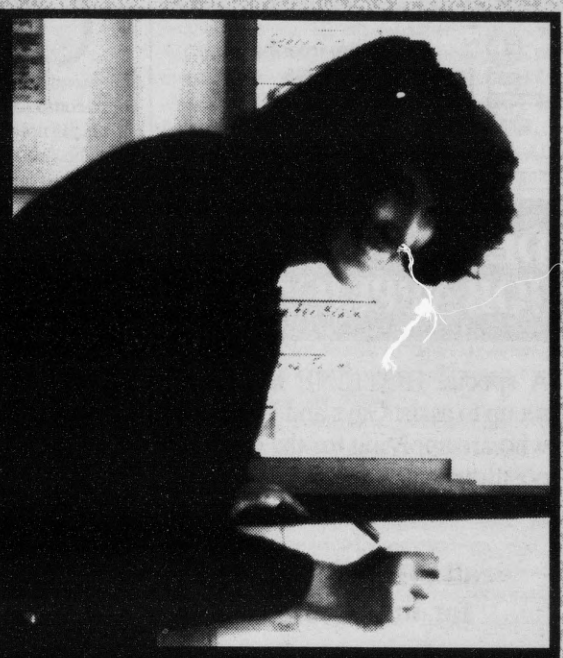

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AIDS TREATMENT NEWS

BY JOHN S. JAMES

ddC: AZT Combination Approval Recommended

On April 21, the Antiviral Drug Products Advisory Committee of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration voted to recommend approval of anti-HIV treatment with a combination of ddC and AZT for some patients. It did not recommend approval of ddC by itself. The decision was a difficult one because of the limited information now available about this combination treatment; the split vote—eight to three—reflected this difficulty, since decisions of FDA advisory committees are generally unanimous.

The FDA is not required to accept this committee's decision. But it is likely to do so and to formally approve ddC plus AZT combination treatment, after review of additional data, within the next few months.

BACKGROUND

ddC, now being developed by Hoffmann-La Roche, was one of the earliest potential anti-HIV agents tested. It is very active against the virus in the laboratory, and also has anti-HIV activity *in vivo*. But because of its toxicity—especially peripheral neuropathy, resulting in pain or numbness in the hands or feet—it must be used in very small doses, less than one one-hundredth the dose of AZT or of ddI. The main question with ddC as a single-drug therapy has been whether there is a dose which can be effective without unacceptable toxicity.

ddC was first tested in combination with AZT in a small study called ACTG 106, funded by the AIDS Clinical Trials Group (ACTG) of the U.S. National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases. This study was designed to try various doses to make sure there was no unexpected toxicity when the drugs were used in combination. No such problem was found. But the combination treatment unexpectedly showed much greater improvement in T-helper cell counts than that seen with any known antiviral alone—especially surprising since the volunteers in this study started with very low T-helper counts (a median of about 70).

Because of the small number of patients in this study, problems in how the study was designed, and the fact that most researchers were not expecting any major benefit from this particular drug combination, these results became a subject of controversy. Most of the debate took place behind the scenes. The study was not formally published for over a year; it finally appeared in January, 1992. But the results had leaked out before then, and been published in November, 1990. As the results became known in the medical community, several thousand people started using the combination treatment—mostly on the recommendation of their physicians—obtaining the ddC from buyers' clubs, since it was not approved and was not otherwise for combination use.

NEW DATA AT COMMITTEE MEETING

Before the April 20-21 meeting of the Antiviral Advisory Committee, the main issue had been whether the T-helper results seen in this study (ACTG 106) were real. Few expected that the committee could recommend approval of the drug based only on that single small study. And almost no one expected ddC to be recommended for approval as a single drug, since a major study had shown that AZT alone led to a much greater reduction in AIDS deaths than ddC alone.

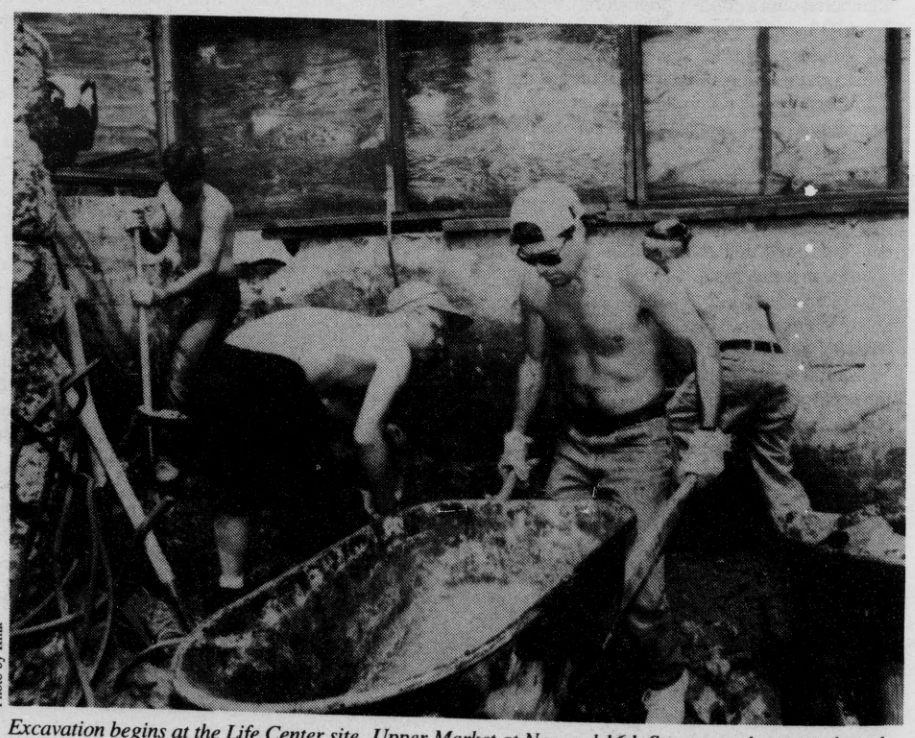
But at the meeting new data was presented which supported the main conclusion of ACTG 106—that combination treatment with ddC plus AZT could produce larger and longer-lasting T-helper cell rises than treatment with AZT by itself. The most important new data was from a Burroughs-Wellcome trial, which is primarily studying drug resistance. About 50 patients are receiving AZT alone, with a similar group getting AZT in combination with ddC, and a third in combination with ddI. This trial started recently; the early data now available shows a larger T-helper rise from AZT plus ddC than from AZT alone. (The ddI combination data was not released, as it was not relevant to the committee's decision on what to recommend for ddC. Also, no data was released on the traditional "endpoints" of survival or disease progression; this trial is probably too small to show such differences, even when it has been completed.)

Even with the new data confirming the superiority of combination treatment, the committee was left with the difficult decision of whether to recommend approval of a somewhat toxic treatment based only on laboratory-test data (T-helper counts), with no data to show whether there was clinical improvement in patients' survival or health. The committee was clearly willing to use T-helper counts as part of the approval decision. But it also wanted some showing of direct benefit to patients.

"ACCELERATED APPROVAL"

Shortly before the meeting, the FDA announced a new option, called accelerated approval, "to expedite marketing approval of new drugs and biologics for patients with serious and life-threatening illnesses when a drug provides a meaningful therapeutic benefit over existing therapy." Accelerated approval can be used, said the FDA, "when there is evidence of a drug or biological product's effect on a surrogate endpoint, such as a laboratory measurement or physical sign, which reasonably suggests that the drug is effective OR that the drug has an effect on a clinical endpoint other than survival or irreversible morbidity.... For drugs approved on the basis of a surrogate endpoint, the sponsor may be required to conduct any clinical studies necessary to determine the actual clinical benefit of the drug on survival, disease complications, or long-term symptoms." The drug may be withdrawn from the market if clinical benefit is not shown, if the sponsor fails to carry out the agreed studies, if the sponsor promotes the drug in a misleading way, or if other evidence shows that the drug is not safe and effective. It has been estimated that this accelerated approval system could speed the overall development of critically important drugs by one to three years.

Hoffmann-La Roche asked the Antiviral Advisory Committee to consider the following language [our explanatory comments are in brackets]:



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ddC "in combination with [AZT] is indicated for the management of HIV-infected adult patients with AIDS or advanced HIV disease. In two independent studies... increases in CD4 cell counts were higher and more sustained in patients treated with the combination of [ddC] and [AZT] than the clinical experience observed with [AZT] alone."

The committee did not recommend any changes to this statement, not because it necessarily agreed with it, but because no data was available to support any particular change. Note, for example, that this language does not specify whether the combination should be approved only if other treatments have failed, or as a first-line treatment, or both. The dilemma here is that a new treatment is most needed when other alternatives have failed; physicians are more likely to try the better-known alternative of AZT alone as first-line treatment. Yet the available data on the combination would not support such a restriction, since it is from patients who had little or no prior experience with AZT.

The Antiviral Advisory Committee supported accelerated approval of the ddC plus AZT combination with the condition that further testing be completed to prove that this treatment does have concrete value to patients. Exactly what is to be required of Hoffmann-La Roche will be determined by the FDA before approval is granted.

COMMENT

The issues raised by ddC combination treatment have been difficult for everyone involved. Scientists, physicians and regulators were naturally reluctant to approve a drug for tens of thousands of people on the basis of one small trial which was never designed to test the drug's efficacy. But many patients and physicians, when they learned how good the results looked, were unwilling to wait for another trial to be designed, implemented, conducted and analyzed. As a result, buyers' clubs provided ddC to thousands of people.

This situation, of a de facto standard of care accepted by many leading AIDS physicians even though it included an unapproved drug, appears at first glance to be a problem. In fact it may have been the best possible solution to a deeper structural problem, a confusion about what we as a society use FDA approval for.

On one hand, FDA approval provides legal access to treatments. In theory, the FDA does not regulate the practice of medicine, but rather the marketing of pharmaceuticals; in practice, this distinction tends to become moot, since if a drug cannot be sold or otherwise distributed, it usually cannot be obtained by patients or physicians.

On the other hand, FDA marketing approval

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FROM THE HEART

BY JOE CARUSO

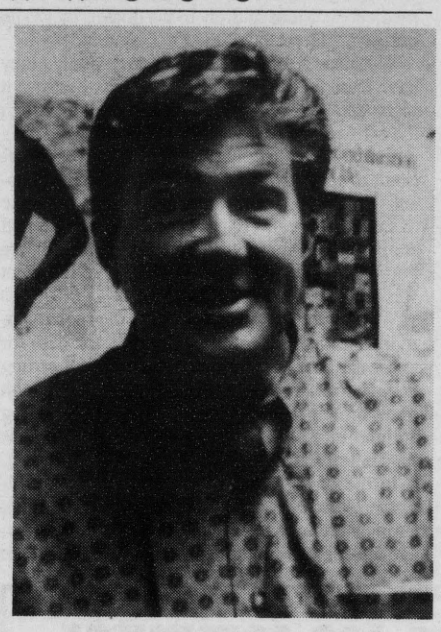
Kile Ozier

He knows there is no business like show business, especially when it comes to raising money for people with AIDS. After all, Academy of Friends is one of San Francisco's biggest nights. Creating this event was no small accomplishment. What started out as a party for a couple of close friends has turned into a night of great fun. Where else can you get great chefs like Jeremiah Tower and Joyce Goldstein to cook for you while you drink, talk and dance the night away all while watching the Oscars?

Ozier's Academy of Friends was not always like it is today, a packed, sold-out event with the finest food and drink you can get in the City, along with outrageous special effects and great music. It started out in 1979 as a party for a couple of close friends. Ozier would borrow his friends' televisions and cook the food himself. TVs were everywhere, even in the bathroom, one on the back of the bowl and one in front of the bowl. Whether you stood or sat, you could still see the Oscars.

As the party grew, Ozier moved it to a downtown hotel room. It became a black tie event, and the look of the Oscars was starting to form. Ozier soon developed a career planning events. He organized functions for the City of San Francisco, welcoming dignitaries from 35 countries, including France, China and the Philippines. Ozier has planned many major events in the city, including Fleet Week, the Black and White Ball, the Democratic National Convention, and Corazon Aquino's visit. He also gained valuable experience producing numerous events throughout the country, working for F.M. Productions and Hands Across America.

Ozier's first love, however, was his own party, then called Friends of Oscar. The name was changed to Academy of Friends because of ownership rights to the word Oscar. In 1983, Mame's restaurant had the Oscar party as its opening night event. Ozier decided to charge people to raise money for charity. This was more of a challenge at a time when people generally did not pay to go to parties. He charged $10 for the party, and donated all the money to St. Anthony's



in the Tenderloin, enabling them to build a new dining room.

With friends starting to die of AIDS, Ozier was experiencing many losses in his life, and it was very apparent to him that many others needed help. Ozier convinced vendors to give him products at no charge and companies to underwrite the event, so that all the proceeds could go to charities. In 1985, Ozier formed a board of directors to establish a policy for Academy of Friends. The board decided to plan events exclusively for organizations that directly cared for people with AIDS.

Academy of Friends has grown from just 30 people in 1979 to this year's sold-out crowd of well over 1,500. It has undergone many changes over the years. The recent addition of male dancers seemed to be a big hit with the crowd. The event has attracted more involvement from other communities, as well as greater attendance by people from outside the Bay Area. This is just fine with Ozier, considering that this year's event raised over $100,000.

Ozier says that the Academy's board is one of the hardest-working in the city. The Academy, established as a nonprofit in 1986, has helped many charities, including Coming Home Hospice, Continuum, Project Open Hand, San Francisco AIDS Foundation, Shanti and Stop AIDS Project. Ozier's commitment to the community is strong. He has seen many friends with AIDS left with no place to go. Ozier says, "I want to make sure people have a place to live and food to eat. It is the least we can do for people with AIDS." Ozier is most proud of the fact that Academy of Friends has helped people with AIDS live more comfortably. He says the Academy will continue to help people with AIDS and the organizations that provide direct care for them until the crisis is over.

Kile Ozier is currently the international events producer at the Names Project, making sure the quilt gets maximum exposure around the country and around the world. In 1990, Ozier resigned from the board of Academy of Friends, but his dream is still going strong.

Though healing from a car crash, his love of life and people shines through. With a small limp and a big cane, he still gets involved with the Oscar party and other groups that may need his help. Next year, why not attend the Oscar party and check out the friendly surroundings? You can have some of the best food in town cooked for you while watching all the Oscar events. You can eat, drink and be Mary—er... ah... merry—and know that it is benefitting a great cause.

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is often treated as if it established an official standard of care. Insurers often use the FDA-approved indications for a drug as an excuse to deny reimbursement for uses outside of this official labeling, even when the standard of care among leading physicians is to use a drug for an off-label purpose. And—more to the point on the handling of ddC—FDA approval is treated as a standard of care in that it usually results in a drug being given routinely to many thousands of people, often with little further thought or independent evaluation.

The Antiviral Advisory Committee itself was confused on this matter; at one point it asked for clarification on whether its recommendation was to provide legal access to ddC for combination treatment, or to recommend the therapy itself. No one could help the Committee here, since this confusion is basic to the current regulatory system. Legal access and quasi-official medical recommendation should be separate decisions; but often they are not.

We are reminded of one leading AIDS physician who was asked if he prescribed combination treatment with ddI and AZT—both approved drugs, but not officially approved for use together. He said that he was willing to prescribe the combination for an informed patient who was participating in his or her own treatment decisions, and clearly understood that the use of both drugs together was experimental. But for those patients who preferred not to be involved and to leave medical decisions entirely to the doctor, he would not say, "Here, take this."

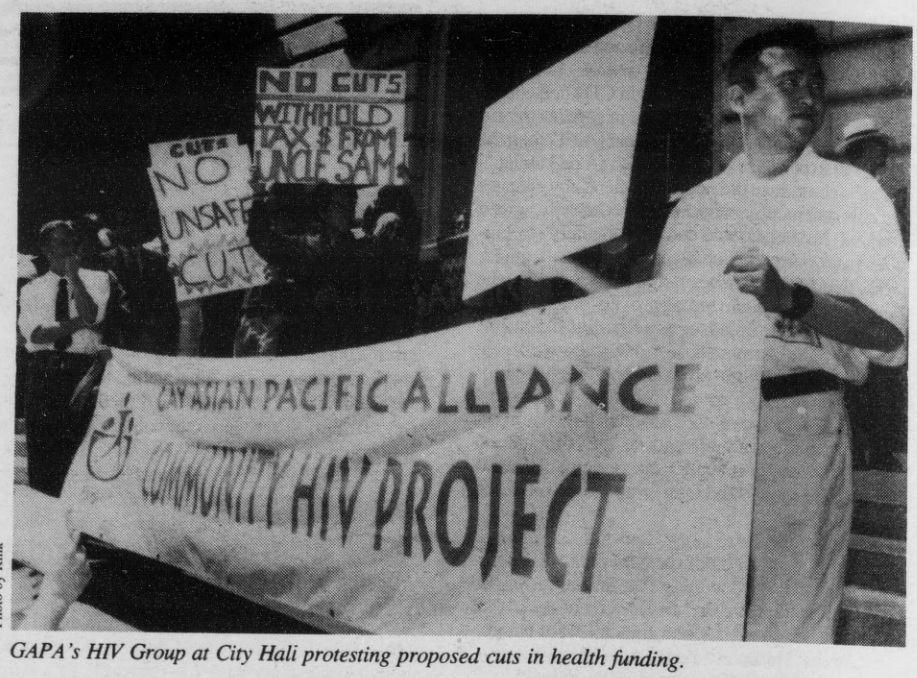
We suspect that the ddC "underground" may have been the best solution available, because it separated access from recommendation, which the official system is not set up to do. With only one small study available, it would have been difficult to say, "Here, take this" to tens of thousands of people. Yet it would also be unacceptable to say, "You can't have this" to those who had studied the matter and made an informed choice that, in their situation, the combination treatment was their best option available.

With the new data presented at the recent Antiviral Advisory Committee hearing, the case for approval became stronger—but still not strong enough to make the committee comfortable, with one member commenting that they were moving at lightning speed (in changing how they operated), but at the same time dragging their feet.

In the background during the Antiviral Advisory Committee's deliberation was ACTG 155, a major trial comparing AZT alone, ddC alone, and the combination treatment, in volunteers who have already used AZT. This well-designed and very important trial, with about 1,000 volunteers, will end later this year; it should provide definitive information about the usefulness of the ddC plus AZT combination for many patients. There was concern in the Antiviral Advisory Committee that recommending approval of the combination might damage this trial, by causing people to drop out so that they could be sure of getting the combination. If this were to happen it would cause a tragic loss of vital information, as well as making it harder to get early approval of drugs in the future. But the danger seems unlikely. ddC is still not officially approved; the actual approval will probably take weeks or months, by which time the trial will largely be over. Also, people leave trials because of their physicians' advice, and most physicians are reluctant to prescribe a treatment until it is known to improve the condition of patients, not just laboratory-test values. (A similar situation occurred in July 1991 when ddI was recommended for approval; that recommendation, and the subsequent approval of ddI in October 1991, did not damage the ongoing trial.)

The FDA's new procedure of accelerated approval will help to relieve the pressure in the case of ddC, and in similar cases in the future. It will be a limited relief, because it does not address the fundamental problem of how to provide legal access for those who are informed and prepared to make their own decision, without also creating an official stamp of approval which would send an experimental treatment to many others without informed consent. Yet this problem will take a long time to solve, because of the difficult issues around standard of care in U.S. medicine—as well as the philosophical issues about what freedom means when growing complexity blurs the lines between informed choice and manipulation.

The Antiviral Advisory Committee recommendation and expected FDA approval of ddC/AZT combination treatment will put old issues behind us, clearing the way for focusing on what is important now. Approval will help to defuse potential conflict over buyers' club access to ddC (as happened with other important AIDS-related treatments which were subsequently approved, especially clarithromycin and fluconazole, which were made available by buyers' clubs before approval, but not afterwards). It will let Hoffmann-La Roche focus its people and resources on the important TAT and protease drugs, instead of spending more efforts on getting ddC approved. It will show the pharmaceutical industry that there are advantages, not only drawbacks, to developing urgently needed drugs. And it will further the development of new combination regimens, applying to AIDS the multi-drug approaches which have proven successful against cancer and other difficult diseases.



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Letters...

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I ask that the men and women who attend Club Dekadance and give Mr. Brodhead their money let him know how they feel about his illegal use and abuse of work, not only by a local gay photographer such as myself, but by other photographers. I also ask that they tell him how they feel about his use of sexually explicit imagery on the streets of the Castro.

Mark I. Chester
San Francisco

Dekadance Responds:

Please allow me the privilege of responding to Mark I. Chester's indignant letter concerning my use of Diane Arbus' photos.

Mr. Chester needs to stop worrying so much about other people's photos being used without permission and start wondering why his aren't being used even with permission. He should be grateful that at least once in his life he was able to put himself in the same category with Diane Arbus. And I will not now, despite criticism, apologize for using Diane Arbus photos on my flyers. Her work should be seen, appreciated, reinterpreted, etc. I do not print my flyers for sale or profit, as with T-shirts or greeting cards, and feel I haven't cost her estate or esteem a thing. I will be happy to let her surviving family, not Mr. Chester, decide. I have already apologized to Mr. Chester. He cried all the way to the bank. Continuous malice in the face of multiple apologies and generous financial restitution hardly seems the appropriate response.

Club Dekadance has the largest body of original promotional material, from no less than three local photographers, of any club in town. If original artwork were a criteria for being on a flyer, the telephone poles in the Castro would be bare with one exception. The proof is already in print. But don't take my word for it; you're all invited to the upcoming retrospective where we'll be exhibiting 25 of the best Dekadance flyers, matted and/or framed, from December 1990 until the present. (A prize goes to the first constipated personality who finds the one flyer sans photo credit.) Sorry, Mr. Chester, no-can-do on the complimentary admission. We expect a full house. Hope you can still make it, though. The work of Zannah Noe, among others, is the best in town.

Also, Mark, I know exactly *what people think of sexually explicit material in the Castro, or anywhere. So should you. You create it and have made a living off selling it to mass-produced* soft-core *magazines sold in stores throughout the Castro and everywhere.*

Jeff Palmer-Brodhead
Club Dekadance
San Francisco

Bob & Ray Show

There appears to be an ongoing feud between Bob Ross (publisher of the *Bay Area Reporter)* and Ray Chalker (publisher of the *Sentinel).* Although a feud should be settled in private, it appears that it has become a public matter, possibly because both men buy their printing ink by the barrel and have unlimited access to the pages of their respective newspapers.

Gentlemen, your feud is going too far. At the rate things are progressing, matters may soon be settled in court by one of our black-robed Olympians of justice. There seems to be no end in sight. Does anyone care or know the origin of the feud? Does it matter?

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The article in the *Sentinel* about Bob Ross counting money can do no more than hurt the gay community. It can do no more than hurt those who need and deserve our help. Now the resources of the *B.A.R.'s* editorial pages are being used as a response. All this because two people are involved in a feud which they do not have the maturity to either settle or keep private.

Considering the immature behavior of both Bob Ross and Ray Chalker, why don't you two just simply fight it out in a shouting match in front of the Ferry Building at high noon on a weekday. Each one of you yell "You bitch" at the other. The one who can say it the most times in 10 minutes will be the winner of the feud. He'll receive a gold-colored dildo trophy inscribed "First Bitch." The loser will get an identical trophy inscribed "Second Bitch." The crowd of tens who will no doubt come to view the proceedings will judge who is the winner.

The gay community can then immediately forget about this feud—over which we never lost any sleep.

You two, Bob and Ray, may then spend your time maturing into adults and improving the quality of your rags.

Mark H. Miller
San Francisco

State-Sponsored Killing

The deed is done and death by explosion has finally blown death by inhalation of poison gas out of the headlines. Whatever your "belief" may be regarding the death penalty, consider this: Whether it is "good" or "bad," the death penalty is clearly state-sponsored killing. The real question is: "Does it work?" Do these violent methods increase or decrease violence?

In every state without the death penalty, the rate of death by violence is lower than in those states that do not enforce the death penalty even though it is on the books. In every state which enforces the death penalty, the rate is even higher. This brings up the question, which came first, the chicken or the egg?

Because the murder rate is high, has the state then enforced the death penalty in reply? The answer is "No!" Many states have gone back and forth on this issue, and the murder rate has changed correspondingly *afterward.* I have my own theory why this is so but this is not pertinent. The simple fact is that it is so.

I recognize the need of the victims' parents for revenge. I recognize the need of certain political figures to court the Christian (how ironic) Right. I recognize the need we all have for an end to the horror, but bottom line, this cruel satisfaction will mean more danger for *my* children.

I weep for all the victims, living or dead, as I would if they were my own family, for in fact, they are. Still, I wish I could hate them, and the state, and Dan Lundgren, for putting their needs above the rest of us all.

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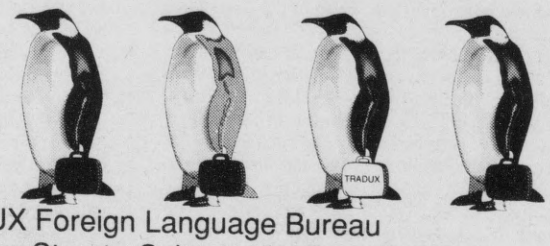

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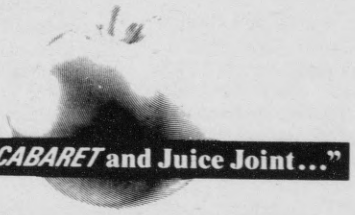

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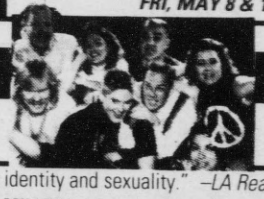

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BY JACK FERTIG

The Evil Stars: Saturn and Joan

Remember Joan Crawford's classic pose? The back of her hands were at her temples, elbows up and out, face distraught with those famous eyebrows raised in either horror, grief, shock or guilt. She got a lot out of that look, and this week, so can you! The Sun is square Saturn, raising self-doubt, envy and all the worst forms of ambition. (Saturn is affectionately known in some circles as the "Grand Malefic.") Any sense you may have of not quite measuring up is likely to provoke efforts to overcome your imperfections by mowing down everyone in sight. Harsh self-judgment is the root of this week's evil. If you judge yourself by the same standards you'd apply to anyone else, you'll be happier with yourself.

At the same time, the Sun is trine to Neptune and Uranus, making us all a little more sensitive and spiritual on the one hand, individualistic and innovative on the other.

Altogether, this is a good time to look at your failings and imperfections, accept them, forgive yourself as necessary, seek forgiveness as necessary, and find ways to transcend them. These planets are in pragmatic signs, so don't treat this as some metaphysical new age exercise. Look at its practical applications.

ARIES: Right now you feel like a whiz at financial problems, but your exaggerated confidence could cause more problems than it will solve. For heaven's sake don't feel you have to prove anything to your friends! Taking a dare is just accepting manipulation. It may grate on you to ask for help from a superior (It's hard enough for you to recognize anyone as a superior!), but try to get help in a friendly way from a boss, a parent, some authority. You'll find things working a lot better than if you try to go against the grain and do it your own way.

TAURUS: You are at the top of a career peak and still feel as if you aren't nearly where you want to be. Don't let it get you down. Your chart includes other career cycles that may give you a later boost. In any event, you are experiencing a simultaneous burst of idealism and self-deprecation—a bad combo! Y'know that old cliche about how your reach should exceed your grasp? Your ideals should be far beyond your goals, and right now you're just excessively self-critical, so anything less than that impossible perfection is not good enough—for you! You're probably doing better than anyone else expects of you. Let that be good enough.

GEMINI: You're a bit withdrawn these days, testing new ideas, perhaps feeling intellectually or spiritually constrained, perhaps rebelling against those constraints. Your mind is working hard, and you feel a need to test your intellectual depth. One way is to argue with others on the deepest subjects you can take on. Usually you enjoy a friendly debate, and your friends understand you like to play the devil's advocate. But now you take on a certain serious quality, as if, rather than testing points, you insist on proving them. Try to regain your usual flexibility. Your strength lies in juggling diverse ideas, not fighting over one like a dog with a bone.

CANCER: A tug of war between your lover and your friends? Talk it over with your lover, and you'll find that you're putting too much importance on perceived, but non-existent, wishes. You're in a bit of a bind. Utterly devoted when in love, you're actually sexiest when you're a bit independent. The easy solution to this is to spend more time as you wish with your friends. Your lover will then be all the more attracted to you and eager to please. Sex is somehow challenging right now, but you can rise to the challenge. It may be time to withdraw a bit, define limits, or try something new and previously foreboding. Talk out your erotic ideals and then act out your ambitions.

LEO: Love stinks. Work's great. You get all the attention you want but not necessarily the kind you want. Your partner is trying to help you look wonderful and important, and heaven knows you don't need anybody's help. Somehow you're at cross purposes and feel that you have to live up to false expectations. Resist your impulse to put out even beyond your incredible capacity. Discuss the work at hand with co-workers and supervisors. You'll have to clear up some misunderstandings, but if you can put things into perspective your sense of proportion will earn you even more admiration.

VIRGO: Everyone else seems to be enduring strife and angst. You may be having a wonderful time, but try not to be smug about it. This is an ideal time of year for you to go on a vacation. Even if you can't get away, you can certainly take time out for some kind of entertaining adventure, even if it's "just" a good novel. Even with this playful wanderlust, you feel dedicated to good hard work. You can bring the two together and find some creative angle that will not only make work more enjoyable, but more efficient. It's a good time to experiment, but remember that experiments can fail and you can still learn from them. A lesson well learned is never a failure.

LIBRA: This is a wonderful time for passion and mystery, but you're in such a serious mode these days. It is hard for you to relax and enjoy life as freely as you usually like to. When you go to parties, you feel as if you should be doing something constructive. You could be a lot of fun helping out at a benefit. Right now, intensity and maturity help you to look and feel quite sexy. Anything unusual you can pull out of your family background will also add to your allure. It can be a good time to redecorate at home, especially if you live alone. Otherwise negotiate with roommates, or you're asking for disaster.

SCORPIO: Domestic problems are coming to a head. Limits need to be set or renegotiated. You're tempted to focus the problem on your partner, but each of you is half the problem, and your side of it is your first responsibility. Discussion seems ephemeral and problematic. Perhaps some ground rules would help to pin things down. Don't be shy about expressing yourself, but be aware (and warn your partner) that you are likely to go to extremes at first. Let yourself express your craziest, most ideal and insistent wishes. Then be ready to negotiate necessary compromises.

SAGITTARIUS: You're working hard these days, but you ask yourself, Why? An occasional clash between your practical needs and your ideals is inevitable given that your ideals are too grand to be bound up in practical considerations. Usually you can be philosophical about it. These days you're more inclined to bitch, bitch, bitch. Right now you can be impossible to work with. You think your coworkers are testy? Look in the mirror, Dear, and take a few deep breaths. Then sit down and write out what your problems seem to be. When you've done that, write down what your problems really are. At that point talk it out with someone, and get it all off your chest.

CAPRICORN: Current aspects show part of why your sign is so unpopular. Everyone else is hit by trial and travail. You're having too much fun. This is a wonderful time to channel your creativity into any kind of fun and artistry. Accounting doesn't count. This is actually a dangerous time to get creative with finances, but you can be wonderfully inventive with economy measures. You may also find some profitability in your recreational activities.

AQUARIUS: Life is hard, and you're tempted to react by exercising territorial imperatives. The harder you try to control family or domestic issues, the more entangled and burdened you'll get. Working on yourself will be easier and more productive. Meditation is especially grounding right now. Community service will help you to enjoy your own individuality and see better how you fit in with those troublesome relationships at home. This is also a useful time to check in with your family's religious traditions. You can get great strength from what they taught you, or what you learned in asserting your independence from them.

PISCES: Life is so unfair. You're not really whiny. You're just openly frustrated by living in a world that fails to live up to your strong ideals. Yeah, right. That's the ticket. Sure. Your friends can be especially helpful, but don't push it! First of all a little meditation, perhaps some writing, will help you zero in on what's really bothering you. Pay attention to your dreams! Then look at how the problems you're uncovering relate to your ideals. Think a bit about your notion of a perfect world. Then get real. You can't make it perfect, but you can do some serious work to help.

THE SAN FRANCISCO
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COMING UP!

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MAY 7 / T H U

Marin BACW Sunday Brunch reservations are due by today, see 5/10 listing for details.

Monterey Aquarium Trip spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders). Meet at 145 Guerrero St, SF at 9 am. Cost $22, reservations required. Call 626-7000 for info.

Donate Your Video Tapes to Garden Sullivan's hospice library, see 4/23 listing for details.

Rainbow's End, lesbian/gay/bisexual youth group for youth ages 14-23, spons by Spectrum, meets tonight & 5/14, 21 & 28. 6:30-7 pm drop-in time for first-time visitors, 7-9 pm group time. For info/location call 457-1115 or call 457-3523 and leave a message for Rainbow's End.

Navigating Life's Passages thru Turning Point Dreams: Alan Siegel, PhD, supervising psychologist at Calif Pacific Med Ctr, presents guidelines for understanding & using insight from our dream life. Learn to utilize dreams as a source of guidance during life transitions. 7-9 pm, $6. 2040 Webster St, SF. Light refreshments served, attendance limited. Call Rosalind 923-3680 for info. Part of Planetree Health Resource Center's Health Lecture Series.

Considering Parenthood Wkshop offered by the Lesbian & Gay Parenting Program of Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services. See Parents & Kidsbox for details.

At A Different Light Bookstore: "Planet Fiction," students from Dorothy Allison's fiction class read from their latest work. 7 pm. 489 Castro St, SF. Info: 431-0891.

At Sisterspirit Women's Bookstore/Coffeehouse: Z Budapest, author, "grandmother" of feminist witchcraft & goddess rituals in Northern Calif, celebrates her newest book, *Grandmother Moon* with a reading & booksigning at 7:30 pm. 175 Stockton Ave, San Jose. Info: (408) 293-9372.

Palo Alto Lesbian Rap Group meets 7:30-9 pm at MidPeninsula YWCA, 4161 Alma St, Palo Alto. Topic: Gay at Work—What does it mean to be out (or not out) at work? Led by Debby. All women are welcome! Info: Marilyn (415) 969-1260 or Lynn (408) 723-4196.

At Walden Pond Books: Author Robin Beeman reads from & signs copies of her new book, *A Parallel Life & Other Stories*, a collection of haunting, insightful stories about self-knowledge, perception & change. 7:30 pm, free. 3316 Grand Ave, Oakl. Info: (510) 832-4438.

Ahavat Yisrael: Love of Israel—a concert celebration in honor of Israel Independence Day with Shlomo Carlebach at SF Jewish Community Center. Rabbi Carlebach blends humor & song in a special tribute to Jewish culture, expressing love of Torah, God & Israel. 8 pm, $12. 3200 California St, SF. Info: Jason Gaber 346-6040 ext 207.

Steamy & Hot Eve of erotic short stories with Midgett at Old Wives' Tales Bookstore. New stories & old favorites. 8 pm, $3-10. Proceeds benefit Women's Voices, no one turned away for lack of funds. 1009 Valencia St, SF. Info: 821-4675.

"One of These Days," Jeff Thompson & Joseph Leonardi play Frank & Ted, two sons of famous '50s sitcom characters who are queer. New gay comedy runs Wed-Sun at 8 pm, $10. Josie's Cabaret, 3583 16th at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

God's Girlfriend opens at Female Trouble for *Angel Corpus Christi* tonight at the DNA Lounge in SF, along with the Satirical Performing Arts Coven. 8:30 pm.

"Mayhem in May," presented by Club Female Trouble at the DNA Lounge. Live music by *The She Devils, Love Scar* (w/Slade!), *God's Girlfriend*, Lisa Palty & *The Goatees* & special guest emcee Mimi Freed. Doors open at 8 pm, show at 8:30. 375 11th St, SF. Info: 550-0148.

"Latex A-Go-Go," a special event focused on safer sex. Skits & questionnaires specifically targeted to address Filipino, Asian & Latino men-who-have-sex-with-men issues. Evening's main attraction is a mock drag beauty contest with contestants who lip synch into the hearts & memories of the audience. Also dance music from the '70s, with a bit of retro & hip-hop/house; plus door prizes! 9 pm showtime at Bench & Bar, 120 11th St (btwn Madison & Oak), Oakl. Spons by Filipinos for Affirmative Action. Info: (510) 487-8552 or (510) 465-9876.

MAY 8 / F R I

Our Right to Love: A networking conference on empowering ourselves to overcome internalized homophobia, today & tmw at the Cathedral Hill Hotel, SF. Conference faculty includes Franklin Abbott, MSW, Michael Baum, MFCC, Kiki Ching, LCSW, Joy Gamble, MFCC, Josefa Molina, MFCC & Stacey Schuster, PhD. $95 in adv, $110 at door. Info/res: Experiential Conferences, Inc, (404) 248-9342 or fax (404) 248-0013.

Chi Kung Master Teacher Dr Khaleghl Quinn, visiting from London, gives a two-wkend course (5/9 & 10, 16 & 17, 11 am-5 pm) presenting her work in Chi Kung. Wkshop provides techniques to sharpen one's physical, mental & spiritual awareness & potential. Emphasis on clarifying contructive boundaries btwn the self & others, improving the quality of relationships. Dr Quinn, author of *Reclaim Your Power*, is one of the few women to achieve Master status. For info/reg call Vicki 826-5244. Also see 5/9 listing.

Young Women of Color Support Group for lesbian, bisexual & questioning youth ages 23 & under. Spons by the LYFE program of Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services & LYRIC. Group meets each Friday. Tonight's topic: Bisexuality. 5/15 topic: Racism. 1748 Market St, SF. Ste 201. For time & other info call LYFE 565-7681 or LYRIC 252-6059.

Spring Plant Sale at UC Botanical Garden: Huge selection of native & exotic treasures at the annual sale which benefits the Garden. Beautiful species of roses, culinary & medicinal herbs, Calif natives, rhododendrons, cacti & succulents, shrubs & vines, orchids & more. Books available too. Today & tmw. Members preview for first pick on 5/8, 5-7:30 pm. Memberships available at the gate. Public welcome on 5/9, 10 am-3 pm. Centennial Drive, Strawberry Canyon, Berkeley. Info: (510) 642-3343.

TGIF & WCD: Thank Goodness It's Friday & We Can Dance at the Belrose Theatre Center. Join Marin BACW (Bay Area Career Women) & dance the week's stress away! 7-11 pm, $8. Includes complimentary light snacks. 1415 5th Ave, San Rafael. Info: 383-6737.

Sunset Rising: Gay, lesbian & bisexual potluck at 7 pm, followed by dancing. For info/location call 753-6435.

Paper Tiger TV Benefit: Jeff Cohen, columnist and executive director of Fairness & Accuracy in Reporting (FAIR) speaks on ways to challenge corporate media thru activism, followed by Paper Tiger's *Mutiny on the Corporate Sponsorship*, a video examining corporate sponsorship of the media & how it ultimately determines what info gets to the public. 7:30 pm, $4. Artists Television Access (ATA), 992 Valencia St, SF. Info: 824-3890.

"Re-Speaking History: Lesbian & Gay Voices from SF's Past," Nan Boyd, director of the Gay & Lesbian Historical Society of Northern Calif discusses & plays excerpts of the oral histories she has compiled over the past year. Come find out what SF was like in the 1950s & '60s—were there gay neighborhoods? How did it become the mecca it is today? Boyd also discusses the pitfalls & advantages of oral history as a means of correcting (and illustrating) more traditional sources of past events. Spons by the Gay & Lesbian Historical Society of Northern Calif (GLHS). 7:30 pm at Modern Times Bookstore, 888 Valencia St, SF. $5. Info: 626-0980.

A Gay Evening in May: Annual fundraiser showcases some of Santa Cruz's hottest local talent, plus a special one-act celebration of lesbian & gay life in the 20th century, directed by Rebecca Adams & Breck Van Den Berg. Two shows: Tonight, 8 pm, premier tic $8 at door only. Tmw, 8 pm, $12 adv, $15 at door. $50 VIP tix (adv only) includes an elegant dinner & front table seating. Santa Cruz Civic Auditorium. Adv tix are suggested, last year's event was sold out & several hundred folks were turned away. Don't miss! Proceeds benefit the Santa Cruz AIDS Project, Santa Cruz Women's Health Ctr, the Women's Cancer Resource Ctr & other nonprofits. For regular tix info call (408) 459-0489, for VIP tix info call (408) 475-6068.

"All-Girl Action: The History of Lesbian Erotica," an evening with Susie Bright, radical feminist, sex-positive educator & pornography advocate. Susie uses film clips & commentary to present a political, philosophical & witty look at lesbian erotic images over the last 20 years—from '70s soft-focus sexploitation & early feminist sapphistry to Hollywood fantasies & contemporary women-made erotic videos. Presented by Frameline & the Castro Theater. 8 pm, $8 at the Castro Theater, 429 Castro, SF. Also see 5/9.

New Langton Arts series, "Topographies: Talks on Postmodern Culture," continues with UC Santa Cruz's James Clifford discussing "Borders/Diasporas: Paradigms of Late 20th Century Interculture." 8 pm, $6. 1246 Folsom St, SF. Info: 626-5416.

Khadra Int'l Folk Ballet resents a collaborative performance with the Kitka Women's Vocal Ensemble, as part of Khadra's Home Concert series. 8 pm tonight & tmw, and 3 pm on Sun 5/10 at Cowell Theater, Ft Mason Ctr, SF. The companies fuse Eastern European rhythms & dance traditions to create a unique & spectacular tribute to the original cultures. Tix $15 gen'l, $12.50 stdnts & srs. Opening night reception, $25. Info/res: 626-7360.

Jeff Thompson & Joseph Leonardi in "One of Those Days," at Josie's Cabaret, see 5/7.

Country Pop Duo Pam & Maggie in concert at Mama Bears, 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. 8 pm, $7-9. Women only. Info: (510) 428-9684.

Between the Dog & the Wolf: Performing Arts Festival presented by Alliance Francaise de San Francisco continues. Program: 5/8, dance showcase; 5/9, experimental musical cabaret; 5/10, multimedia performance. Fest focuses on Franco-American collaboration, showing the latest work of dance, music & film directors and incorporates a dinner-club format, with French cuisine dinner available 1 1/2 hrs before each show. 8:30 pm, $10 (dinner not included, but affordably priced). 3-night tix available for $25. Info/res: 775-7755. Alliance Franciase, 1345 Bush St, SF.

"Sex With God," a performance by poets Bana Witt & Nancy Depper, part of the Spoken Word Savages series at Show World, 647 Valencia St, SF (above Elbo Room). 9 pm, $4. Info: 558-8112.

Klubstitute Homophile Niteclub & Cabaret features two bands tonight, *Spokepoker* and *Big Fun*. Plus Tyler-Bob & Remix invite you to pledge for the Lambda Lambda Lambda Fraternity. Guest dj Phillip R Ford. $4.98 before 10 pm. 1751 Fulton St (nr Masonic at Brave New World-Off Plaza), SF.

Club nZinga at El Rio—World Beat dance party, 9 pm-2 am, $3. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.

Comedy at Josie's Cabaret with Scott Capurro & Marilyn Pittman. 10 pm, $8, tonight & 5/15.

MAY 9 / S A T

7th Annual Golden Gate Walkathon: Fundraiser for Self-Help for the Elderly. Pledge walk, followed by picnic in the park featuring music, entertainment, carnival clowns, balloon sculptors & other family fun & surprises. 8 am: open registration, 9 am: walk begins (starts at Washington Square in North Beach, winds thru Aquatic Park, Ft Mason, Golden Gate Nat'l Rec Area, Marina Green, Palace of Fine Arts, Hyde Street Hill & back to Washington Square. You can choose from 3 routes—the 2-mile Golden Route, 6 mile Leisure Route & the 7 mile Hill Route). Walk ends at 11 am. Free t-shirts & snack. Min pledge: $20 per walker, $10 for srs over 60 and kids under 12. Info: 982-9171.

Media & Democracy: Covering the '92 Elections: A conference of concerned citizens interacting with journalists, media scholars, critics, campaign professionals & public interest advocates from around the country. Spons by Media Alliance, in assoc with USF Davies Forum, the Coro Foundation, Institute for Alternative Journalism & Stanford University Journalism Program. Workshops & panels on a variety of issues. Keynote speaker: Ralph Nader, "The Decline of Democracy, the '92 Elections." Info/res: 441-2557.

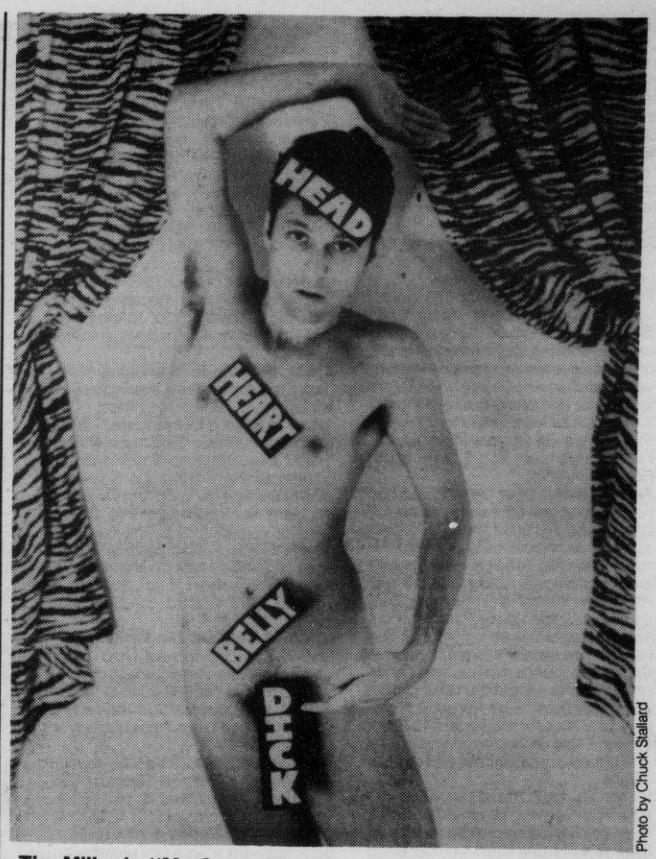
1992 AIDS Bike-A-Thon spons by Different Spokes/SF: Annual fundraising extravaganza which raises funds for 15 greater Bay Area AIDS organizations. Riders may choose 3 different routes: 25 miles inside SF, 62 miles in Marin County or 100 miles in Marin & Sonoma County. All routes begin in SF's Presidio, by the Golden Gate Bridge. Refreshments provided at rest stops on each route. Riders also enjoy post-ride buffet with entertainment. For info/reg call 282-1647. Registration forms are available at all Bay Area Headlines and REI stores.

1-Day Writing Wkshop for Lesbians: Safe place to explore the writer in you with an experienced Bay Area poet, writer & teacher. Eastbay location. Info: Judy Freespirit (510) 540-5504.

Women & Cancer Walk: an event to raise funds & increase visibility of community organizations serving women with cancer, and working to provide access to health care. Pledges collected by participants benefit 7 SF & Alameda County organizations: Breast Cancer Action, Bay Area Black Women's Health Project, Women's Cancer Resource Ctr, Cancer Support Community, National Latina Health Organization, North East Medical Services & the Native American Health Center. Walkers, joggers & wheelchairs welcome. Event is part of The Human Race, a community fundraising event organized by the Volunteer Centers of Alameda County. Choice of 5, 10 or 15K routes. At Lake Merritt, Oakland. For info or to register call 985-7108.

"Basic Tax & Recordkeeping Info for Self-Employed People," a one-day seminar taught by tax practitioner Jan Zobel, EA at Marin Community College in Kentfield. 9:30 am-4:30 pm, $62. Info: 485-9657.

Heather Farms/Walnut Creek Run with Eastbay Frontrunners: Take Route 24 East to Hwy 680. Go north on 680, take first exit immediately on right (Ygnacio Valley Rd). Turn right onto Ygnacio &



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Tim Miller in "My Queer Body" at Josie's, May 21. See Calendar for details.

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May 15-17 is Jeanne Adleman's Women's Dream Workshop in Calistoga.

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Joseph Leonardi and Jeff Thompson in "One of These Days..." May 6-17 at Josie's.

follow approx 2 miles. At bottom of hill just past John Muir Hospital, turn left onto San Carlos Dr. Take first left, meet in parking lot in front of swim center. 9:30 am.

Briones Reservoir/Contra Costa County Hike with SF Hiking Club: 13-mile loop thru the watershed lands of Briones Reservoir. Hike thru woodland, chaparral & meadows overlooking the reservoir. Bring water, hat, lunch & sunscreen. Meet 9:30 am under the big Safeway sign at Market & Dolores, SF. Cost per car $6 (includes bridge toll), to be shared among passengers.

Turn your carrot peels into gold... composting workshop spons by SLUG (SF League of Urban Gardeners). 10 am-noon today & 5/23. A basic, hands-on wkshop showing you how to turn yard & kitchen wastes into an excellent fertilizer for gardens & house plants. At the Garden for the Environment, Lawton St & 7th Ave, SF (in the Sunset District). For info/res call SLUG's Compost Rotline 468-0262.

Free Guided Tour thru the Urban Forest, spons by SF Friends of the Urban Forest: A varied palate of urban sights & sensations to capture the interest of the Bay Area gardener, nature lover, sightseer & history buff. 10 am-noon at the Bandshell on the Music Concourse at Golden Gate Park. Find out how an area of barren sand dunes was transformed into SF's largest city park. Study the park's unique variety of specimen trees & get the latest info on current landscape rejuvenation plans. For info on tours/schedule call 543-5000.

Video Tape Donations needed for AIDS Hospice patients, see 5/2 listing for details.

Huge Spring Plant Sale at UC Botanical Garden, 10 am-3 pm. Don't miss! See 5/8 listing for details. Last day!

Intro to Chi Kung Class with Chi Kung Master Dr Khaleghl Quinn, one of the few women to achieve Master status. Dr Quinn, visiting from London, presents an intro to her Chi Kung work. See 5/8 for more wkshop info.

Project Open Hand's Skip-A-Lunch Campaign kicks off the Eastbay with a noon event at Oakland's Jack London Square. KRON TV's Janice Huff hosts, talks by Congressman Ron Dellums & Project Open Hand's Rich Moran, performance by East Oakland's Arroyo Viejo Double Dutch Team. The Skip-A-Lunch Campaign attempts to increase public awareness of the nutritional needs of people with AIDS & to solicit pledges to raise 50,000 meals & 7,000 bags of groceries. Info: 771-MEAL.

At Dark Carnival Bookstore: Novelist & computer visionary/scientist Vernor Vinge (*Marooned in Realtime, True Names*) discusses our future rapport with computers & the real science between his new hard-science interstellar adventure, *A Fire Upon the Deep*. Noon-2 pm. 2978 Adeline St, Berkeley. Info: (510) 845-7757 or (510) THE-DARK.

The Magic Theatre: Sara Deutsch's wkshop teaches how to utilize dreams as a resource for creativity, self-awareness, intuition & healing. Wkshop includes dialogue, dream writing, art & drama as ways to get help from dreams. 1-4 pm, $15. A New Leaf, 545 Magnolia, Larkspur. Info: 924-8970.

Progressive Dinner & Video spons by the Lesbian/Gay Social Group of the Santa Rosa Church of Religious Science. Call Nancy for info: (707) 579-1691.

Khadra Int'l Folk Ballet in concert at Ft Mason, see 5/8 listing for details.

BACORR Mass Protest: Join BACORR (Bay Area Coalition for Our Reproductive Rights) in a mass protest against the appearance of Joseph Scheidler, infamous director of Chicago's Pro-Life Action League and author of *Closed: 99 Ways to Stop Abortion*. (Scheidler urges his followers to infiltrate abortion rights organizations, track women who enter clinics to their homes by using their license plates and private detectives, and to terrorize abortion providers, doctors & their families thru picketing & blockading their homes. Scheidler is appearing in SF at a fundraising event for the Calif Coalition for Life. 5:30 pm, Ramada Hotel on Market btwn 8th & 9th, SF. For more info contact BACORR 541-5690.

At Dark Carnival Bookstore: Bestelling fantasist Raymond Feist (*Magician, Prince of the Blood*) unveils his new novel, *Mistress of the Empire*. 2978 Adeline St, Berkeley. Info: (510) 845-7757 or 845-7758.

At Dark Carnival Bookstore: Fantasist Raymond Feist (*Magician, Prince of the Blood*) unveils his new novel, *Mistress of the Empire*, at tonight's autograph party. Feist also gives an informal talk, "On Creating High Fantasy." 6-8 pm, 2978 Adeline St, Berkeley. Info: (510) 845-7757.

Lesbian Adoptee Art Show & Reading: Benefit, 7-10 pm, doors close at 7:30. $5-20 SL fee, no one turned away for lack of funds. Educational & entertaining eve, for those affected and interested in identity, adoption & art. 1777 Yosemite, #4F, SF. Info: Amy 923-1454.

"Partners in Time," The Women's Philharmonic present music from the Romantic Period, by women composers. Program: Lili Boulanger's "D'un Matin de Printemps," and "D'un Soir Triste." Germaine Tailleferre's "Harp Concerto," Fanny Mendelssohn's "Overture," and Clara Schumann's "Piano Concerto." Guest pianist Angela Cheng. 8 pm. First Congregational Church, Post & Mason, SF. "Concert Conversations," pre-concert informal discussion with conductor JoAnn Falletta at 7 pm, free to ticket holders. Info/res: 543-2297.

A Gay Evening in May at the Santa Cruz Civic Auditorium—final night! See 5/8 listing for details. Don't miss!

"How to Read A Dirty Movie," Susie Bright returns to the Castro (see 4/8) for a night of wildly entertaining film clips & commentary examining gay & straight porn to uncover exceptions to the erotophobia & sexual illiteracy that plague American erotic cinema. She illustrates how Hollywood habits have infiltrated porn stories to make them more palatable to women. 8 pm, $8. Castro Theatre, 429 Castro St, SF. Info: 861-5245 or 621-6120.

At KBBK Studios: *The Project* (Tony Grasso, trumpet; Michael Gold, tenor sax), night of jazz/avant-garde. 8 pm, $7. Seating limited, call 563-9046 for reservations. 465 Broderick St at Hayes, SF.

"One of Those Days," gay comedy at Josie's, see 5/7.

Teresa Chandler torches & blues your night away at Mama Bears, 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. 8 pm, $7-9. Women only. Info/reg: (510) 428-9684.

Other Cinema Series at ATA Gallery: Barry Schwartz's *Tesla Coil* presents an electrifying engagement with eccentric visions of liberated resources; Robert Frank's *Energy & How to Get It* has William Burroughs, John Giorno & Dr John testing the threshold btwn fiction & documentary regarding Nevada engineer Robert Golk's fusion experiments; Greta Snider's *No-Zone* scopes out scavengers in the American desert; Gustavo Vazquez's *Free from Babylon* gives an inspirational report on modern primitive survival strategies. 8:30 pm, $5. 992 Valencia St, SF. Info: 824-3890.

Between the Dog & the Wolf: Performing arts festival presented by Alliance Francaise de SF continues, see 5/8 listing for details.

Gay Comedy Night at Josie's Cabaret, with Karen Williams, Scott Silverman & Mark Davis. 10 pm, $8. 3583 16th St, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

Alternative Music Night at El Rio with *Vitamin F, Louder Than God*, and others tba. 10 pm, $5. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.

MAY 10 / SUN

Mother's Day Celebration & benefit champagne brunch with Dr Helen Caldicott. Music by Lichi Fuentes & Dulce Arguelles of *Altazor*. Hosted by Dr Helen Rodriquez-Trias. Proceeds benefit the Committee for Health Rights in Central America. 11 am-2 pm, $25. 1924 Monterey, Berkeley. Info/res: 431-7760.

Marin BACW Sunday Brunch: Join Bay Area Career Women for delicious potluck & conversation at a member's home in Mill Valley. Mothers are welcome, too! Bring dish to share. 11:30 am, $2. Reservations required by 5/7, for res/info call Joanne 388-8132.

Men's Potluck Brunch spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders): Noon-3 pm, bring a dish to share. At Francis of Assisi, 145 Guerrero St, SF.

Bisexual Potluck at Pierre's: Potluck combined with mtg to help with Bi-Friendly advertising & outreach, plus support & networking for pending bisexual/lesbian/gay civil rights bills, plus organizing for June's parade. Noon-3 pm. SF Inner Sunset location. Call Pierre 753-0687 for info.

7th Wally Look-Alike Contest & Benefit Birthday Party: Annual Mother's Day fundraiser honoring leatherman Wally Sherwood. Features celebrity judges headed by John Caldera, Mr International Bear. Auction & $7 beer and soda bust hosted by the Celestial Krewe de Cuir at Watering Hole Saloon, 1145 Folsom St, SF. 2-6 pm. Proceeds benefit the AIDS Emergency Fund and the Shanti Project. For more info or to donate an auction item leave message at 255-4663.

7th Annual Wally Look-A-Like contest at the Watering Hole, 399 9th St, SF. 2-6 pm. Annual benefit for Shanti Project and the AIDS Emergency Fund. Don't miss!

Mother's Day Sexart Salon: A special afternoon of performances, readings & art devoted to the art & sex of sex, sexuality and eroticism. Performances/work by Mark I Chester, Dave DeWeerd, Ruven Hannah, Kathleen Hermesdorf/Scott Wells, Paul L'Ilith, Frank Moore, Marcy Sheiner aka Marlayna & Edward Sparan. Come meet the people your mother warned you about! 3 pm, $5 donation, no one turned away for lack of funds. At 1800 Square Feet, 719 Clementina St (btwn 8th & 9th, Folsom & Howard), SF. Info: 544-1136.

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"Partners in Time" The Women's Philharmonic final season concert with pianist Angela Cheng, May 9.

MAY 11 / MON

2nd Annual AIDS Budget Lobby Day at the state Capitol in Sacramento. Excellent opportunity to meet face-to-face with your elected officials to discuss the state AIDS budget & other HIV & civil rights issues. To register or for more info call the SF AIDS Foundation 864-5855, ext 2599. Spons by the AIDS Budget Coalition.

Sally Gearhart Celebration: Today's the deadline for reservations! See 5/17 listing for details.

Reading/Talking Women Group spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders) meets 6:30-8:30 pm for a potluck supper & discussion. For May book title, call Pat 626-7000. 77 Waller St, SF.

"Making Changes in Health Care Policy," Sharon Wicher, executive director, region 11, California Nurses Association, discusses proposed health care legislation on the federal & state levels, at the Women's Cancer Resource Center. Questions welcome. Evening especially for women who would like to know more about different state & federal proposals for health care reform. 7 pm, donations accepted. Please refrain from wearing scents. 3023 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley (close to Ashby BART). Wheelchair Accessible. Info: (510) 548-WCRC.

WHAM!/Bay Area (Women's Health Action & Mobilization) meets every other Mon (5/11 & 25) at 7 pm at New College, 777 Valencia St at 19th, SF. All women who believe health care is political are welcome! Info: 985-7141 ext 85.

Cynthia Heimel discusses her hilarious collection of essays, *If You Can't Live Without Me, Why Aren't You Dead Yet?!*. 7 pm. A Clean Well-Lighted Place for Books, Opera Plaza, 601 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 441-6670.

At El Rio tonight: Z Budapest, Terry Baum, John D'Hondt & Jon Sugar's *Working Class Blues Band*. 7 pm, 3158 Mission, SF. Info: 731-2424.

Bi-Friendly SF meets for food, drink & conversation today & 5/18 at 7 pm at the Village Deli, 495 Castro St, SF. All bisexuals (and bi-friendly others) are welcome! Info/calendar: Pierre 753-0687.

Gay Comedy Open Mike at Josie's Cabaret, with emcee Scott Capurro. 8 pm, $4. Aspiring lesbian & gay comics sign up by phone by 7 pm. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

MAY 12 / TUE

"Why A Woman's Medical Specialty?" lecture by Dr Karen Johnson. No existing medical specialty devotes itself exclusively to the comprehensive physical & emotional care of women, which causes several problems. Dr Johnson discusses a controversial proposal to shift the power within the medical hierarchy. Noon-1 pm, free. Spons by UCSF Women's Resource Center. HSW 301. Info: 476-0400.

At Gaia Bookstore: Stanislav Grof, MD discusses his book, *The Holotropic Mind: 3 Levels of Human Consciousness & How They Shape Our Lives*. 7 pm, $3 (free with book purchase before today). 1400 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 548-4172.

Gay Men's Sketch/Folsom: Male nude figure drawing for all skill levels. Classical nude modeling by Stuart Sherbondy. 7 pm, $12. Info/res: 621-6294. 1229 Folsom St, SF.

"Psychosynthesis: A Spiritual Psychology," talk by Susanne West, MA. 7 pm, free. Amron Metaphysical Ctr, 2254 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 775-0227.

Global Riot, gay/lesbian comedy improv group (Richie Crippen, Laurie Bushman, Katie Cronin, Pamela Forrest, Kelly Kittell, Alex Sanso, Joe Weatherby) at Josie's Cabaret. 8 pm, $8. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

MAY 13 / WED

Touching Wkshop: Learn the art of neck & shoulder massage in a group atmosphere (sitting in chairs, fully clothed). Everyone welcome. Taught by Harvey Sherback at North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst St, Berkeley. Free. Spons by Massage for the Community by the Community. 10:30 am.

Older Lesbians Support Group spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders) meets noon-2 pm at 1853 Market ST, SF. Bring a bag lunch if you'd like.

Free Theater Classes at Rest Stop Support Center for people living with HIV, AIDS & ARC, and families & friends. Theater games, improv, production. Beginners & advanced welcome! 2-4 pm at 134 Church St nr Market, SF. Every Wednesday. Info: 621-1701.

Project Share Monthly Informational Gathering for Oakland & Berkeley residents interested in sharing space in their home, or finding shared housing. 2:30 pm at 3102 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: 845-9030.

Poet Under Saturn: An Eve with Paul Verlaine, written by & starring Phil Lumsden. 20 Dunstan Terrace airs in three installments the original EXITheatre production on the life of the tormented French poet. 4:30 pm on cable channel 25, SF, today & 5/20 & 27.

Lesbian Uprising! Book Group discusses Joanna Russ' *How to Suppress Women's Writing* (book available at Old Wives' Tales Bookstore on Valencia St). Socializing at 6:30 pm, mtg begins promptly at 7. For info/location call 441-6238.

NGLTF (Nat'l Gay & Lesbian Task Force) meets 2nd & 4th Wed of each month. 6:30 pm at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St at Valencia, SF.

Bi-Friendly UC meets for support/social today & 5/20 at 6:30 pm. All members of the UC Berkeley/UCSF communities & friends are welcome! For info/location call Betsy (510) 845-7441.

Queer Options Seminar continues with "Gay Newspapers," a discussion of the gay & lesbian press. 7-9 pm, free. Everett Middle School, 450 Church St, SF. Info: 255-1042.

At Gaia Bookstore: Author Jennifer Louden discusses *The Woman's Comfort Book: A Self-Nurturing Guide to Restoring Balance in Your Life*. 7 pm, $3 or free with book purchase before today. 1400 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 548-4172.

In A Word: Sandy Boucher presents a reading by two of her writing workshops. Readers include Joan Wallach, Joan Monheit, Susan Schulman, Virginia Morton, Ann Samuelson, Joan Gelfand, Patricia Guthrie & Sharon Spencer. 7 pm, $5. Women only. Mama Bears,

Parents & Kids Box

SF Youth Arts Festival: Thru 5/10 at Calif Palace of the Legion of Honor, Golden Gate Park, SF. The 5-day festival includes a large display of painting & sculpture by SF schoolchildren, performances by children's choral, instrumental & dance groups; plus performances for children by professional performers & educators. Also art-making demos & hands-on art projects for kids. 5/9 is **Family Day** at the museum, and features a colorful **Kids Parade for Kids**, with hundreds of kids taking part in a parade which includes jugglers, clowns, marching bands and more. Day's events also include ongoing performances & activities especially designed for children, their families & friends. All Festival activities are wheelchair accessible, disabled kids are encouraged to attend. Hrs: 10 am-2 pm on Thru 5/8, 11 am-4 pm on 5/9-10. Info: 863-3330.

Wkshop for Parents of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual & Questioning Youth: 5/11, 7-9 pm at Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services, 1748 Market St, Ste 201, SF. Wkshop answers parents' questions & addresses their concerns regarding the sexuality of their children. Resource list & refreshments provided. Childcare available by request. Info: Lambda Youth & Family Empowerment (LYFE) Program, 565-7681.

Considering Parenthood Wkshop offered by the Lesbian & Gay Parenting Program of Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services. 5/7, 7-9:30 pm, $7-15 SL fee. Includes panel presentation on single parenting & co-parenting, different ways to form families, choosing not to parent, and discussion on how parenting changes your life. Pre-reg suggested. Info/reg: 565-7674.

Marin Lesbian/Gay Parents Picnic in Inverness: 5/17, 11 am-4 pm. For location & other info call 457-1115.

Pickle Family Circus Mother's Day Benefit: "Preserving the Pickles: the Mother of All Benefits," 5/10 at Palace of Fine Arts, Bay & Lyon Sts, SF. Two shows: Afternoon family show 2-4 pm, $25; and an evening show, 7-11 pm, $50-100. Entertainment by the Pickles, plus several nationally known surprise guests. Music by the Pickle Family Circus Jazz Band. Each mother receives a gift courtesy of Pickle Family Circus. Complimentary champagne, beer & non-alcoholic beverages served. Proceeds benefit Pickle Family Circus. Info: 826-0747.

Prospective Queer Parents Group: For lesbians & gay men who are interested in co-parenting, or seek known donor situations. For info call Leland (510) 841-4663.

Black Female Couples With Children Support Group meets for support, socializing & fun. Single moms are welcome! Eastbay & SF mtgs. Call Erika or Elisha (510) 293-0711 for info.

Public Observation Programs provided by the Peninsula Astronomical Society. The Observatory is open on clear Fri nights from dusk to 11 pm for viewing of stars, planets, galaxies, star clusters & nebulae thru a 16-inch reflecting telescope and on Sat mornings from 10 am-noon for solar viewing thru a 6-inch refractor telescope. Free. Observatory is located at Foothill College, 12345 El Monte Rd, Los Altos Hills, halfway round the campus loop near Parking Lot T. Info: 949-7334. Observatory is closed when it is cloudy.

For Kids at La Pena: Saturday morning programs presented by Amiguitos de la Pena. 5/16: Music with Nancy Raven, stories with Joan Sutton. 5/30: Storyteller Belinda Sullivan, musician Nancy Raven. 10:30 am, $3 adults, $2 kids. 3105 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 849-2568.

Storytime at Cody's series for kids ages 4-10, each Sat at 11 am. 2454 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 845-7852.

Children's Storytime at Book Passage: For kids ages 4-7. Anita Jones tells wonderful tales from many lands. Every Sun, 11 am-noon. Mother's Day, 5/10: "We Love Mom," stories & poems that honor mothers. 5/17: "Bunnicula," a comical story of a vampire bunny. 6/7: Dragonfest—bring your best dragon picture, drawing or book to share as Anita tells her favorite dragon stories. 6/21: "We Love Dad," A Father's Day program of stories & poems that honor fathers. 51 Tamal Vista Blvd, Corte Madera. Info: 927-0960.

New Conservatory Children's Theatre presents two one-acts: **Annie, Annie, Does Her Homework** by Noe Venable, the story of a young girl struggling thru a day of procrastinated homework; along the way she discovers love & a holiday. Also **The Changing of the Times** by Steve Lahey; story of two friends & their lost journeys thru time, energy & dreams. Both works were developed in NCT's Premiere Lab class, which gives advanced students a chance to develop scripts & put together theater performances. Plays run every Sat & Sun at 3 pm, thru 5/10 at New Conservatory Theatre Center, 25 Van Ness Ave, SF. Tix $11 gen'l, $8 stdnts & srs. Info/res: 861-8972.

For Kids at Temple Israel: Stories, songs & fun at highly participatory services—Tot Shabbat for preschoolers, 3rd Sat of each month at 9:15 am, family shabbat for school-age kids, 1st Fri of each month at 7:30 pm. Religious/Hebrew school for K-12, every Sun & Wed. Small, friendly Reform congregation, lesbian, gay & bisexual people welcome! Info: (510) 522-9355.

6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Info: (510) 428-9684.
Intro to Radical Sex/Bondage: Wkshop for beginners & others, spons by Bondage Buddies. 7:30 pm, $15 in adv, $20 at door. Info: 292-3228.
Holotropic Breathwork As A Recovery Tool: Wkshop with Jill Gerken. Learn how to use focused breathwork & music as awareness tools. 7:30 pm, $5. A New Leaf, 545 Magnolia, Larkspur. Info: 924-8970.
Wild Cat Words: Modern Times & the Nat'l Writers Union present "Dis'Information: Media Bias & Propaganda," the first installment of their new spoken word series. Performers: Norman Solomon, author of *Unreliable Sources*, Aztlan Nation, a Mexican-American rap group, poet Alan Kaufman, performer/prose writer Peter Plate, Socialist Review editor LA Kaufman, plus Paper Tiger TV, with an analysis of political coverage by major talk shows. 7:30 pm, $3-8 SL. Modern Times Bookstore, 888 Valencia St, SF. Info: 282-9246.
Senatorial Candidates Forum at SF Jewish Community Center: Candidates Barbara Boxer, Dianne Feinstein, Gray Davis, Leo McCarthy & Mel Levine discuss their views on the issues, take questions from the audience. 7:30 pm, $2. Info: Danny Schwager 346-6040 ext 229. 3200 California St, SF.
Marin Parents & Friends of Lesbians & Gays group meets 7:30 pm at Church of Our Saviour, 10 Old Mill Rd, Mill Valley. Info: Spectrum 457-1115.
The Computer Club of Temple Israel of Alameda present "Sound in Multimedia" at 7:30 pm. 3183 Mecartney Road, Alameda. Info: Kathy (510) 653-8494.
At A Different Light Bookstore: World-touring British poet Ivor C Treby reads selections from *Foreign Parts*. 7:30 pm. 489 Castro St, SF. Info: 431-0891.
"One of Those Days," new gay comedy at Josie's, see 5/7.
Johnny D in "Collar Me Blue: Working Class Love Songs for A Queer Nation," a unique blend of lively narrative, hisotric folk songs, & pop tunes," presented in honor of Int'l Workers' Month. 8 pm, $5, tonight & 5/20 & 27. The Marsh at Cafe Beano, 878 Valencia St, SF. Info: 641-0235.
At Thunderbay Nightclub: *The Sneetches, Sun 60* and *Engine*. 8 pm, $5. One Bolivar Drive at Addison (Aquatic Park), Berkeley. Info: (510) 548-0706.
Faster Pussycat! The Club: Tonight—Big Hair Party with *Enrique*. $1 off with big hair! Plus guest dj evol e. At The Clubhouse, 3160 16th St, SF. Info: Pussycat Hotline 561-9771.
Funk, Soul & Hip Hop Night at El Rio with dj Peggy Key. 9:30 pm-2 am, $2. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.

Susie Bright presents two nights of porn and commentary at the Castro Theatre, May 8-9. Calendar has info.

MAY 14 / THU

Men's Friendship Group spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders). 2:45 pm at 711 Eddy St, SF.
Art from the Heart: An art auction benefitting people with AIDS. Over 50 artists donate pieces of their art to Continuum HIV Day Services for today's auction, held at Off Your Dot, 2241 Market St, SF. 6-8 pm, $15 admission, refreshments provided by local restaurants. Info: 252-5642.
Fabulous Feminist Award Reception: SF NOW (Nat'l Organization for Women) presents its 7th annual awards reception tonight, 6:30-8:30 pm at Grand Hyatt Union Square, SF. Plaza Ballroom. $45 donation, limited seating, adv reg required. Honorees: Susan Faludi, Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist and author of *Backlash: The Undeclared War Against American Women;* Sally Savitz, medical director of the Charlotte Maxwell Clinic for low-income women with cancer; Sydnie Kohara, KGO-TV news anchor; Ophelia Long, director of Highland Hospital; Daisy Pareja, KDTV reporter; Aileen Hernandez, management consultant & former NOW president; Marya Grambs, founder of the Women's Bldg, Women's Found ation & La Casa de las Madras; and Levi Strauss & Co, for its Domestic Partnership Program. Info/reg: 861-8880.
Rainbow's End lesbian/gay/bisexual youth group meets tonight, see 5/7 listing for details.
Terence McKenna discusses his book, *The Archaic Revival: Psychedelic Mushrooms, the Amazon, Virtual Reality, UFOs, Evolution, Shamanism, the Rebirth of the Goddess & the End of History*. 7 pm at Gaia Bookstore, 1400 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 548-4172.
Lavendar Lounge Queer TV Dance Party Taping: Theme—"Activist Night," with Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence & their Queer Army declaring a holy war on religious fascists. 7-9 pm. Dancers wanted, no audition, no experience, free admission. At Channel 25 Studios, 1855 Folsom St at 15th, SF. 6th floor. Enter thru rear parking lot. Info: 337-4921.
Women's Alcohol-Free Social at Mama Bears: 7-11 pm. Come chat, read or play games. Scrabble boards provided, you are welcome to bring your own games. Women only. 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Info: (510) 428-9684.
Shape Up: Exercise Fitness in the '90s: Sandy Minor, MS, corporate fitness director for Western Athletic Clubs in SF, discusses what is a fit body, how to develop effective methods for building aerobic fitness, increasing endurance & muscular strength, and how to use physical activity to maintain health & prevent disease. 7-9 pm, $6. Part of Planetree Health Resource Ctr's Health Lecture Series. Light refreshments served, attendance limited, call Rosalind 923-3680 for info. 2040 Webster St, SF.
Rounds Singing for Women Class: Learn beautiful rounds of love, work, play, spirit & freedom; in many languages, from many centuries. Haunting harmonies & complex rhythms to make you swoon. No musical experience necessary. Thurs 7:15-9 pm. For class & fee info call Kay 285-9642.
SF Chronicle columnist Adair Lara reads from her new book, *Welcome to Earth, Mom* at 7:30 pm at A Clean Well-Lighted Place for Books, Opera Plaza, 601 Van Ness Ave, SF. Event held in conjunction with Project Open Hand's Skip-A-Lunch campaign. Free. Info: 441-6670.
Modern Times Bookstore: Mary Louise Pratt discusses her new book, *Imperial Eyes: Studies in Travel Writing & Transculturation*. An examination of how travel literature shaped European perspectives of empire building from 18th century texts to Paul Theroux. 7:30 pm, free. 888 Valencia St, SF. Info: 282-9246.
Palo Alto Lesbian Rap Group meets 7:30-9 pm at MidPeninsula YWCA, 4161 Alma St, Palo Alto. Topic: Fantasies—come share (secretly, if you'd like) your deepest, darkest fantasies! All women are welcome. Info: Lynn (408) 723-4196 or Marilyn (415) 969-1260.
An Eve with Taoist Master Share K Lew: Master Lew teaches traditional Taoist meditations, shares stories from his days as a student & apprentice at a Taoist monastery in Canton, China. 7:30 pm, $8. 3200 California St, SF. Info: Betty Esthelle 333-9178.
Piece of My Heart: *A Lesbian of Colour Anthology*—Contributors Karla E Rosales, Sabrina Hernandez, Maria Cora, Indigo Som & Victoria Lena Many Arrows are among the contributors reading from their work & discussing this anthology at Old Wives' Tales Bookstore, 1009 Valencia St at 21st, SF. Info: 821-4675. 8 pm, $3-10. Proceeds benefit Women's Voices, no one turned away for lack of funds.
Betty Bethards, mystic, healer & author, lectures on, "Understanding Dreams: Your Priceless Gifts of Insight," tonight at Ft Mason Center Bldg A, SF. 8 pm, $9 gen'l, $6 srs & youth. Wheelchair Accessible. Info: Inner Light Foundation (707) 765-2200.
"One of Those Days," new gay comedy at Josie's Cabaret, see 5/7.
Party/Benefit for the 2nd Visual Arts Exhibit & Performing Arts Show, spons by Latino/a Gay, Lesbian & Bisexual Artists. 8:30 pm-2 am. Performing Art Show previews at 10:30 pm. Spons by Aguilas, Llego & Esta Noche. Tix $5. At Esta Noche, 3079 16th St, SF. Info: 648-3702.
The Naked Ape at Paradise Lounge, 1501 Folsom at 11th, SF. 9 pm.

MAY 15 / FRI

Women's Dream Wkshop/Retreat at Rainbow Ranch in Calistoga. 14th annual wkend dreamwork led by Jeanne Adleman. For women only. $120-220 SL fee includes accomodations. Adv reg required, call 585-0666 for reg/info.
Innovative Housing Group meets 1-3 pm, spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders). Come explore alternative housing possibilities. 1853 Market St, SF.
Mid-Peninsula BACW: TGIF with Bay Area Career Women at B Street in San Mateo. 5:30-8:30 pm upstairs at Sassy's. Hors d'oeuvres & great conversation served. $4.
Young Women of Color Support Group for lesbian, bisexual & questioning youth, ages 23 & under—see 5/8 listing for details.
Tennessee Valley Hike with Marin BACW: Join Bay Area Career Women for an evening hike. 6 pm. Call Joan 388-4784 for info.
Family Violence Prevention Fund Awards Ceremony: 6 pm, $50 at the St Francis Hotel. Emcee Valerie Coleman, keynote speaker Ethel Klein, author of *Gender Politics*. Info: 821-4553.
A Wkend of Bondage, Part I: Spons by QSM as part of their ongoing series of artistic & educational projects for the s/m community. Includes 3 presentations: Body Harnesses, Medical Restraints & Easy Bondage. $20 for all 3 or $30 for Fri & Sat combined (see 5/16). Doors open at 7 pm, class 7:30-10 pm in a private SF space. Women & men of all sexual orientations are welcome. Info: 550-7776.
Jazz/Folk Concert at Mama Bears with Julie Cohn & Elizabeth Jenkins. 8 pm, $6-8. Women only. 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Info: (510) 428-9684.
ATA Screening: Phil Patiris' Cable Access Powerhouse astounds again with its monthly review at Artists Television Access. Come for something different, something new, the best of the video underground. 8 pm at ATA, 992 Valencia St at 21st, SF. $3. Info: 824-3890.
"Being Gay in the Jewish Community," a talk by Kathy Teller of Temple Israel of Alameda at their Friday night services. 8 pm, 3183 Mecartney Rd, Alameda. Info: Kathy (510) 653-8494.
At KBBK Studios: See "Colleen Clipped," a work-in-progress by Andrea Kirchmeier. Part I of this production was read at the Padua Hills Playwrights Wkshop & Fest last summer, and scenes 1 & 2 at Eureka Theatre last Feb; this is the first complete reading of this work-in-progress, the tale of Colleen, who is clipped by her dysfunctional, tuberous family in this bizarre greeting card tale of female ceremony, ritual & horror. Tonight features a post-reading audience response session. 8 pm, $6-8. Seating limited, call 563-9046 for res/info. 465 Broderick St at Hayes, SF.
Poet Tom Mandel reads new & unpublished work at New Langton Arts, 1246 Folsom St, SF. 8 pm, $4. 1246 Folsom St, SF. Info/res: 626-5416.
The Art of Being Carmen: A "performance novel" by writer/performance artist Nena St Louis. The story of a pathologically ambitious young Black artist caught in the shadow of her pathologically beautiful mother. 8 pm, $5 tonight & tmw at Mace Space for Art, 1319 Pine St, SF. Info/res: 931-9670.
At Thunderbay Nightclub: Mix presents *Voice Farm* with Oblong Rhonda. 8 pm, $10. One Bolivar Drive at Addison St (Aquatic Park), Berkeley. Info: (510) 548-0706.
"One of Those Days," new gay comedy at Josie's Cabaret, see 5/7.
"America's Most Wanted," a spoken word & music performance by Don Bejama & Klipshutz, with musical accompaniment by Bone Cootes & *The Living Wrecks*. 9 pm, $5. Show World, 647 Valencia St, SF (above the Elbo Room). Part of the Spoken Word Savages series. Info: 558-8112.
Comedy Night at Josie's Cabaret with Scott Capurro & Marilyn Pittman. 10 pm, $8. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

MAY 16 / SAT

Donate Your Video Tapes: Donations sought for AIDS Hospice patients, see 5/2 listing for details.
Pt Reyes Hike with the Lesbian/Gay Social Group of the Santa Rosa Church of Religious Science. Call Amy (707) 887-0209 for info.
First Aid/CPR Certificates: Get both Red Cross cards in a one-day, 8-hr class, $25. Held at SF Sierra Club headquarters. Call Lynn McIntire, RN at (510) 530-7602 ASAP to register.
AIDS Memorial Grove Service Trip: GLS (Gay/Lesbian Sierrans) spons a workday (9 am-3 pm) to help create the AIDS Memorial Grove in SF's Golden Gate Park. You'll be helping clear brush, so bring sturdy work gloves, boots, layered clothes; also bring lunch & water. GROUP donation of $100 required for workday sponsorship, to sign up send a donation payable to AIDS Memorial Grove, c/o P. Tannen to 577 14th St, SF 94013 by 5/15 (donations appreciated even if you can't attend.) Meet 8:15 am at the Church & Market, SF Safeway or meet at 9 am at the east end of De Lavega Dell (Bowling Green Drive btwn Middle & King Drives, nr 3rd Ave. Heavy rain cancels.
Seven Steps to Healing Wkshop: A healing model for adults abused as children. 10 am-5 pm, $60. Info/reg: Rachel Bat Or, MFCC (510) 444-4419.
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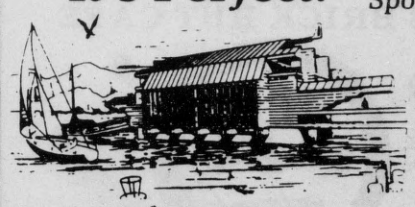

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Worm Composting Class: Learn this fun, easy, simple method of composting food wastes, perfect for those of us short on time, space & patience. Peter Gabel-Allen of Community Compsters teaches the basic on how to set up your own worm composting system. 12:30-2:30 pm, $5. Ecology Center, 2530 San Pablo Ave at Blake, SF. Info: (510) 548-2220.

A Wkend of Bondage, Part 2: Includes 3 presentations: Wrapping Body Parts, Balance, Gravity & Posture Play, and Spiritual Dimensions. $20 for all 3. Doors open at 12:30, class 1-4 pm in a private SF space. Women & men of all sexual orientations are welcome! Part of QSM's ongoing series of artistic & educational classes for the s/m community. Info: 550-7776.

Sharon Kowalski & Karen Thompson speak about legal protections for lesbian & gay relationships. Finally victorious after a 7-year legal battle, they share their experiences & wisdom at this community workshop on Partnership Protection Documents, spons by the National Center for Lesbian Rights. 2 pm, Auditorium A, Golden Gate University, SF. Following their comments, a panel of attorneys will review various documents unmarried people can use to control who has power over our health care & other needs in case of temporary or permanent disability. Info/fee: 621-0674.

A Splintered Mirror: Contemporary Chinese Poetry, a national symposium featuring Chinese "Misty Poets" Bei Dao, Duo Duo & Gu Cheng, whose work challenged the rigid structures of official Chinese poetry, creating a new aesthetic infused with personal emotions & private imagery. The poets and their translators Donald Finkel & Carolyn Kizer read from their work & participate in discussions about contemporary Chinese poetry. Schedule: 2 pm today at the Asian Art Museum, Golden Gate Park, SF, followed by artists' reception, (415) 668-6404. 5/20: 7:30 pm at Black Oak Books in Berkeley, (510) 486-0698. 5/21: 8 pm at the Center for Literary Arts, San Jose State University, (408) 924-1378.

Benefit from the Ruins, a day of performance to support "Festival From the Ruins: Post-Totalitarian Czechoslovakian Art." Features a plethora of local performance artists & musicians including Ester Amy Fischer, Lex Lonehood, Anah K, Knee Jerk Dance Co & Neo Bustamante; Laurie Amat, Beth Custer, Stephen Kent; plus the high energy duo *Sabot* and the outrageous & beautiful Pussy Tourette, plus others. 4 pm-2 am at Paradise Lounge, 1501 Folsom at 11th St, SF.

Gays/Lesbians with Sports Habits need our support. Attend today's BBQ/Beer Bust fundraiser at the Pilsner Inn, 225 Church St at Market, SF. 4-9 pm. Proceeds benefit the SF Gay Softball League's C Division "Batcrackers". Tix available at door, $7 beer bust only, $10 beer bust & BBQ.

Grasses Wkshop spons by UC Botanical Garden. Grass identification workshop taught by Travis Columbus. Focus on the major important groups of Calif grasses. Ornamental grasses also discussed. Includes printed materials. Space limited, pre-reg suggested. $45. To register: Send check payable to UC Regents to Education Dept, UC Botanical Garden, Centennial Dr, Berkeley, 94720, Attn Grasses or call (510) 642-3352.

Loma Alta Full Moon Hike & Pizza Fest with Gay/Lesbian Sierrans. Outing includes cheap pizza dinner & 1500 ft hike to Marin hilltop for scenic views. Info: Lauren 861-6591.

Crisis Behind Bars: A Forum on the Crisis in US Prisons & the Death Penalty. 6:30 pm reception with speakers, food, artwork from Death row, and a new video on AIDS in prison. 7:30 program with speakers Jose Lopez of the Movimiento de Liberacion Nacional Puertorriqueno & Pat Clark of SF Death Penalty Focus. $3-5 donation. Childcare provided. Wheelchair Accessible. Spons by Prairie Fire Organizing Committee. Info: 330-5310.

Games, Goodies & Guys: A dessert & board game night for HIV-positive people at Kairos House, 114 Douglass St (btwn Market & 17th), SF. Spons by UCSF AIDS Health Project. 7:30-11:30 pm, free. Prize awarded for the best homemade dessert. For info/RSVP: Terry 922-6655.

Redwood Park Run with Eastbay Frontrunners: Take 580 to 35th Ave or Hwy 13 to Redwood Rd. Go east toward hills on 35th Ave/Redwood Rd. Continue on Redwood approx 2 1/4 miles past Skyline Blvd. Entrance to park is on left. Meet inside park at last parking lot, at 9:30 am. Parking fee. Offstreet parking free at park entrance. Info: Roz 939-3579 or Greg 865-6792.

"One of Those Days," new gay comedy at Josie's Cabaret, see 5/7.

Womb for Rent: A Pro-Choice Comedy presented by Sleeveless Theatre, a four-woman troupe from Northampton, Mass. A night of comic relief for supporters of reproductive rights. 8 pm, $7-9. Women only. Mama Bears, 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Info: (510) 428-9684.

Marin BACW Moonlight Magic: Join Bay Area Career Women for their full moon (in sensuous Scorpio) spring dance. 8 pm-midnight at the Almonte Club House behind Tamalpais High School. For tix prices, directions & other info call the BACW office: 495-5393.

At KBBK Studios: Blues to bebop with Pat Wynne in concert. A night of songs about the real world—work, roommates, parenthood, dating, soaking in the tub. 8 pm, $6-10. Seating limited, call 563-9046 for res/info. 465 Broderick St at Hayes, SF.

At The I-Beam: Lydia Pense & *Cold Blood*, plus the *Annie Sampson Band*. 1748 Haight St, SF. 9 pm, $10. Info: 668-6006, 668-6023.

The Art of Being Carmen—the story of a pathologically ambitious artist with the bad luck to be the daughter of a pathologically beautiful mother, see 5/15 listing for details.

At Sisterspirit Women's Bookstore /Coffeehouse: Voices: Bay Area Lesbian Chorale Ensemble in concert. Variety of styles, including jazz, madrigals, folk & ritual chants. 8:30 pm, $7-10 SL donation. 175 Stockton Ave, San Jose. Info: (408) 293-9372.

Other Cinema Series at ATA Gallery: Ted White introduces *Return of the Scorcher*, his look at the past, present & future of the beloved bicycle; Bill Daniel presents *Who is Bozo Texino?*, a look at the granddaddy of train graffiti. Also Dana Mozer's look at women at Iowa's annual hobo convention, *The End of the Line*, Slacker Lee Daniel's skateboarding tribute, *Late Air*, and Chuck Hudina's elegant *Bicycle*. 8:30 pm, $5. 992 Valencia St, SF. Info: 824-3890.

Gay Comedy Night at Josie's Cabaret with Sabrina Matthews, Karen Williams and Laurie K Wilson. 10 pm, $8. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

MAY 17 / SUN

Run the Bay to Breakers with Eastbay Frontrunners—fill out the application in the *SF Examiner*, call Roz 939-3579 or Greg 865-6792 for info on running with the group.

Marin Lesbian/Gay Parents Picnic—see Parents & Kidsbox for details.

Lori Gross, celebrated fiber sculptor whose work, "Of Fine Linen," is on exhibit at the SF Jewish Museum thru 6/14, discusses her work at 10 am service at Temple Israel of Alameda, 3183 Mecartney Rd, Alameda. Info: Kathy (510) 653-8494.

Tribal Play: An afternoon of celebratory, participatory erotic play, using guided activities to create "in the moment," a community of hot, sex-positive men, transforming insecurity & scarcity into adventure & fulfillment. Doors open at 1:30 pm, event runs 2-5 pm. At Eros, 2051 Market St nr Church, SF. $15 donation. Bring a buddy, 2 for $20. See you there!

G Forty Plus Mtg: 2-4 pm at First Unitarian Church, 1187 Franklin at Geary, SF. Today's program: Robert Bolan, MD, discusses medical problems in the gay community. Info: 552-1997.

Bookparty at Mama Bears to celebrate publication of Jennifer Stone's new book of essays, *Telegraph Avenue Then*. Reading followed by discussion & question & answer session. 3-5 pm. 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Info: (510) 428-9684.

ATA Cinema: See *The British Miners' Strike*, a 60 min video examining the role of the press, the police & and the coal industry structure. 4 pm, $2. Artists' Television Access, 992 Valencia St at 21st, SF. Info: 824-3890.

Pastel Party for People with HIV/AIDS: Annual delight spons by Shanti Project's Activites Program, call Richard Chavez 777-2273 for details.

At ClaireLight Women's Books: Tear Gas Certification/Self-Defense Wkshop with Dr Judith Fein & Nancy Worthington. Incorporates practical physical & psychological defense techniques, as well as Dept of Justice approved tear gas certification training. Adv reg strongly recommended. Fee: $20 before 5/17, $25 on the 17th. State permit to carry & use tear gas available for an addt'l $8.50. 5 pm. 1110 Petaluma Hill Rd #5, Santa Rosa. Info: (707) 575-8879.

Celebration: Sally Gearhart honored upon her retirement from SF State University. 6 pm at the Seven Hills Conference Center, SF. Spons by the Speech & Communication Studies Dept. Come honor this pioneering lesbian/gay community activist & teacher. RSVP before 5/11 at noon. $27.50 per person includes dinner with wine, champagne, hors d'oeuvres, dessert & beverages.

Mother's Day is the 7th Annual Wally Look-alike Contest and benefit birthday party. See May 10 for details.

Pay by check at door. Call 338-1597 for info/res.

Lesbian Midlife Support Group meets 6:30 pm in SF. Discussion topics: mature role models and caring for aging parents. Group discussion followed by social hour. Free. Newcomers welcome! For info/location call 647-0413.

At A Different Light Bookstore: Max Wolf Valerio reads from his work in progress, "...post-punk amnesia laced with pithy excuses." 7:30 pm. 489 Castro St, SF. Info: 431-0891.

At Modern Times Bookstore: author Francesca Miller presents her new book *Latin American Women & the Search for Social Justice*, the first comprehensive overview of 2 centuries of Latin American women's struggles for feminism, national liberation & democracy. 7:30 pm, free. 888 Valencia St, SF. Info: 282-9246.

"One of Those Days," gay comedy at Josie's Cabaret. Final performance! See 5/7.

MAY 18 / MON

Bisexual, Gay & Lesbian Awareness Week at the Parnassus campus of UCSF: 5/18-22. Includes question & answer sessions, panels of professionals discussing gay issues, film showing, activists' panel, wine & cheese reception & more. For info call Joshua Lee 621-1568 or Kate Feibush 731-8994.

At ClaireLight Women's Books: Barbara Walker reads from her first novel, *Amazon*, the story of Antiope, an Amazon warrior, transported to the 20th century. 6:30 pm. 1110 Petaluma Hill Rd #5, Santa Rosa. Info: (707) 575-8879.

At Gaia Bookstore: Carol Osborn discusses her book *Inner Excellence: Spritual Principles of a Life-Driven Business*. 7 pm, $3. Free with book purchase. 1400 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 548-4172.

Bi-Friendly SF meets for food, drink & conversation; see 5/11 listing for details.

Lecture for Women: "From Victims to Victors," a discussion of women & self-defense training, with Joan Lidsker, PhD. Joan discusses her groundbreaking research, "Women & Self-Defense Training: A Study of Psychological Changes Experienced by Participants in Relation to Assault History." A discussion of the positive outcomes resulting from women gaining a sense of their own power & ability to set limits. 7:30 pm, $5. 3200 California St, SF. Info: Danny Schwager 346-6040 ext 229.

Women's Spirituality Group meets at 7:30 pm. Tonight's program: "Dogs & Frogs with Jenny." 7:30 pm. Call 457-1115 for info/location.

Bi-Friendly Eastbay meets for food, drink & conversation at the Bison Brewery, 2598 Telegraph at Parker. All bisexuals (and bi-friendly others) are welcome! Info: Susan 524-0574.

Gay Comedy Open Mike at Josie's Cabaret with emcee Scott Capurro. 8 pm, $4. Aspiring queer comics sign up by phone by 7 pm. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

Big Mix at Paula's Clubhouse, 3160 16th St, SF. Info: 621-5877.

The Naked Ape at Bottom of the Hill, 1233 17th St, SF, with *The Teeth*. 9 pm.

MAY 19 / TUE

Bisexual, Gay & Lesbian Awareness Week at UCSF: See 5/18.

Demo & Speakout against Pelican Bay, Marion, Florence, and other Control Unit Prisons. 4:30-6 pm at the Calif State Bldg, Van Ness & McAllister, SF. Spons by the Real Dragon Prison Project, Prairie Fire Organizing Committee & the Pelican Bay Information Project. Info: 861-6515.

Blackjack Tournament: A benefit for Temple Israel of Alameda. Starts 6:30 pm at Temple Israel, 3183 Mecartney Rd, Alameda. Info: Kathy (510) 653-8494.

Gaia Bookstore: Barbara Walker discusses her book *Amazon*. 7 pm, $3. 1400 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 548-4172.

Gay Men's Sketch/Folsom: Male nude figure drawing for all skill levels. Classical nude modeling by Bill Milligan. 7 pm, $12. 1229 Folsom St, SF. Info/res: 621-6294.

"Metaphysics Goes to the Movies & Sees *Thelma & Louise*," a talk by Rev Andrew Bozeman. 7 pm, free. Amron Metaphysical Ctr, 2254 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 775-0227.

Career Forum at SFJCC: "Shape Up Your Job Search," counselors from Jewish Vocational Services share valuable info about job search strategies, interviewing, resumes & cover letters. Individual questions answered. 7-9 pm, $5. 3200 California St, SF. Info: 346-6040.

Gay/Lesbian Sierrans monthly program mtg features debate on mountain biking rules in Calif & federal parks. 7:30 pm, free. Public welcome. 730 Polk St, SF.

"Diving with Sharks," Jon Capella, shark diver extraordinaire, brings his shark cage & gives an animated slide presentation on diving with these awesome creatures (talk rescheduled from an earlier date). 7:30 pm, free. Spons by Sea Snakes Lesbian & Gay Scuba Club of Northern Calif. #1 St Francis Place (3rd & Folsom), SF. Community Room. Info: 431-1340.

Global Riot at Josie's Cabaret, see 5/12 for details.

MAY 20 / WED

Day at Highlands on the Russian River, spons by Shanti Project's Activities Program. Relaxing, fun-filled day for people with HIV/AIDS. Carpooling arranged. For info/res call Richard Chavez 777-2273.

Lunch Bunch meeting for frail, homebound men & women spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders) meets at 10:30 am. Call Ruth 626-7000 for info.

Free Theater Classes at Rest Stop Center. Beginners & advanced welcome! See 5/13.

Men's Discovery Discussion Group spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders) meets 2:30 pm at Francis of Assisi, 145 Guerrero St, SF. Topic: "Does GLOE mean Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Europeans?" Group led by George Birimisa.
Poet Under Saturn: An Evening with Paul Verlaine, Part II. See 5/13 listing for details.
Bi-Friendly UC meets for support/social, see 5/13 listing.
Multiple Personality: Discovery & Acceptance Wkshop presented by Mairi McFall. First in series of 4 workshops. Focuses on the process of discovering & accepting multiple personality, as well as discussion of healing tools & how to locate a therapist. Geared toward survivors, but significant others & caregivers are also welcome. 7 pm, $5. Women only. Mama Bears, 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Reservations suggested, call (510) 428-9684 for info.
A Splintered Mirror: a nat'l symposium on Asian & Asian American Literature, see 5/16.
Laughter of the Heart: Humor in Recovery—wkshop with public speaking/humor coach Lee Glickstein & friends. A light-hearted session in self-expression, confirming that being human is funny enough, without trying. Wkshop for healers, teachers & storytellers. 7:30 pm, $5. A New Leaf, 545 Magnolia, Larkspur. Info: 924-8970.
At A Different Light Bookstore: Author Steven McCauley (*Object of My Affection*) reads from his latest book, *Easy Way Out*. 7:30 pm. 489 Castro St, SF. Info: 431-0891.
Talk Dirty to Me Wkshop at Good Vibrations: Learn the finer points of risque patter with Carol Queen, erotic writer & former peep-show worker, and Mr D Right, a "world class sexy talker." They'll help you figure out what you want to say, and work up the nerve to say it. 7:30-9:30 pm, $20. Pre-reg required, call 550-0912. 1210 Valencia St at 23rd, SF. Info: 550-7399.
At Modern Times Bookstore: Cuban writer, actor & singer Rene Ariza performs his poetic work in Spanish. Translators Tom Hall, Richard Hall & Jonathan Comisar read their English interpretations of his work. 7:30 pm, donation. 888 Valencia St, SF. Info: 282-9246.
Johnny D presents "Collar Me Blue: Working Class Love Songs for a Queer Nation," a unique blend of lively narrative, historic folk songs & pop tunes. A Queer Folk event presented in honor of Int'l Worker's Month. Tonight & 5/27 at 8 pm, $5. The Marsh at Cafe Beano, 878 Valencia St, SF. Info: 641-0235.
Bondage Party spons by Bondage Buddies. A play night for play buddies into bondage, in a fully equipped play space. 8 pm, $10. Info/location: 292-3228.
At Faster Pussycat! The Club—*Pre-Marital Sex*. With dj Downtown Donna at The Clubhouse, 3160 16th St, SF. Info: Pussycat Hotline 561-9771.

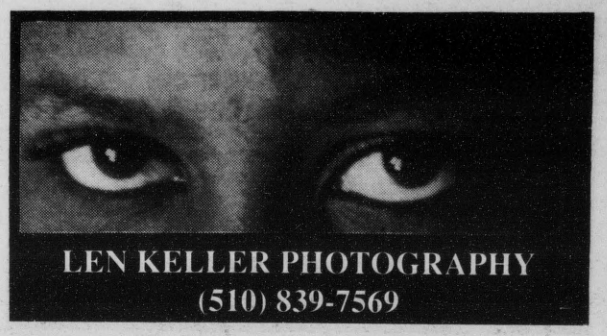
MAY 21 / THU

Bisexual, Gay & Lesbian Awareness Week at UCSF: See 5/18.
Rainbow's End lesbian/gay/bisexual youth group meets tonight, see 5/7 listing for details.
Women's Alcohol-Free Social Night at Mama Bears: Come chat, read or play games. Scrabble boards provided, feel free to bring your own games. 7-11 pm. Women only. 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Info: (510) 428-9684.
Gay novelist John Rechy (*City of Night, Numbers, The Sexual Outlaw, Marilyn's Daughter*) reads from his newest novel *The Miraculous Day of Amalia Gomez*, a portrait of one day in the life of a Mexican American woman and her family. 7:30 pm, $5. Victoria Theatre, 2961 16th St, SF. Spons by The Poetry Center at SF State University. Proceeds benefit the Cindy Kolb AIDS Fund at SF State. The fund provides grants to students, faculty & staff with HIV. Info: Zack Rogow 338-2227.
Sara Levi Calderon speaks at SF Jewish Community Ctr as part of their Meet the Author lecture series. Calderon is the author of *Two Mujeres*, a novel exploring the romance of two divorced Jewish Mexican women & the constraints placed on their relationship by family & society. This controversial book, one of only 3 openly lesbian works published in Mexico, is in its third printing. 7:30 pm, $5. Info: Danny Schwager 346-6040 ext 229. 3200 California St, SF.
"National Energy Policy & the Presidential Election," a talk by Kenneth E Cohn, founder of Second Wind. Cohn discusses issues of the environment & the economy, and how they are viewed by the various presidential candidates. Cohn also presents relevant data from Greenpeace, WorldWatch Institute & other environmental groups. 7:30 pm, $5. 3200 California St, SF. Info: Danny Schwager 346-6040 ext 229.
BABN Forum: Bay Area Bisexual Network Forum meets 7:30-9:30 pm in the Kincaid Room, First Unitarian Church, 1187 Franklin at Geary, SF. Topic: Alliance Building with the Lesbian/Gay Community. Call 564-BABN to confirm.
Palo Alto Lesbian Rap Group meets 7:30-9 pm at the MidPeninsula YWCA, 4161 Alma St, Palo Alto. Topic: Butch/Femme. What are you, what does it mean, what does it matter—discussion led by Debby. All women welcome! Info: Marilyn (415) 969-1260 or Lynn (408) 723-4196.
A Splintered Mirror: nat'l symposium on Asian & Asian American Literature, see 5/21.
Mother-to-Be: *A Guide to Pregnancy & Birth for Women with Disabilities:* Authors and activists Judi Rogers & Molleen Matsumura discuss their new book which provides support, validation & affirmation for disabled women's reproductive capacity & parenting choices. 8 pm, $3-10 donation benefit Women's Voices, no one turned away for lack of funds. At Old Wives' Tales Bookstore, 1009 Valencia St at 21st, SF. Info: 821-4675.
Tim Miller in "My Queer Body," at Josie's Cabaret. Miller, Santa Monica-based performance artist, presents his new piece at Josie's Cabaret for two weeks. Exploring the stories his body has to tell, Miller weaves a journey from swimming upstream at conception to the first kiss to ecstatic visions of homo sex. Miller is a self-described "slutty queer point of light." Show runs Thurs-Sun at 8 pm, 5/21-24, and Wed-Sun at 8 pm, 5/27-31. $10. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.
ODC/San Francisco open their Bay Area season of dance at SF's Herbst Theatre, 8:30 pm tonight thru 5/23, 3 & 7:30 pm on 5/24. Program features world premiere of "The Eye Has a Tendency to Choose," a new work choreographed by Brenda Way & KT Nelson. Also repeat performances of 3 recent popular works from ODC's repertory—Way's "Loose the Thread" and "Force of Circumstance," plus a newly re-vamped production of her "Still Krazy/Kat." Tix $22 & $16. Info/res: 392-4400 or BASS/Ticketmaster.
Come Wild at Paula's Clubhouse, 3160 16th St, SF. 9:30 pm. Info: 621-5877.

ON STAGE

Love & Anger by George F Walker. This comic attack on power & its abuses pits the "reborn" attorney Petie Maxwell against the powerful publisher of a "fascist rag." Actors Theatre production. Runs Thurs-Sun thru 4/5 at 8 pm, $12. 533 Sutter St, SF. Info/res: 296-9179.
Leonardo da Vinci & the Possibility of Human Flight by Michael Andrew Walton. Play addresses the frustrations of the human condition. El Mico Bravo production. Play runs thru 3/22 at Somar Theatre in SF. For tix info/res: 441-8927.
Substance of Things Hoped For, a trilogy by Andrew Caldwell. Examines the faith & revelations faced by three people: a young girl institutionalized following an incestuous rape, a young gay man hospitalized with AIDS, and an elderly homeless woman living on the streets of Washington, DC. Runs Sun at 2 pm thru 3/29 at the Plough & the Stars, 116 Clement St in SF. Tix $8 at door. Info: (707) 649-1407.
Beauty & the Beast for Flamenco, an adaptation of the classic fairy tale by Irene Haughey for 16 dancer/singers. Phoenix Theatre production. $13. Runs Fri & Sat at 8 pm, $13, Sun at 3 pm, $10. Thru 3/22. Phoenix Theatre, 301 8th St, SF. Info/res: 621-4423 or 621-5338.
The Ten PM Dream, premiere of choreographer Della Davidson's work based on the late Anne Sexton's poem cycle "Transformations," a dark, funny & often sexually charged retelling of Grimm's fairy tales. Runs Wed-Sun thru 3/15. Theater Artaud, 450 Florida St, SF. Tix $12 & $14. Info/res: 621-7797.
Deep in a Dream of You, David Cale in a one-man show at Life in the Water. A collection of 12 thematically linked monologues told from different men & women's points of view. Runs Wed-Sun at 8 pm thru 4/12. Tix $10 Wed, Thurs & Sun, $12 Fri & Sat. Ft Mason Ctr, Bldg B, SF. Info/res: 776-8999.
Twice Over by Jackie Kay. Explores the nature of friendships which cross class, generational & racial lines. Grandma Cora's love letters & diaries are found by her granddaughter after her death, causing the granddaughter to wonder if Grandma was gay. Theatre Rhino production. Runs Wed-Sun at 8 pm thru 4/11. Sun matinees at 3 pm on 3/15, 22 & 29, special twilight peformances at 5 pm on 3/14, 21, 28 & 4/4. Tix $11-17. Theatre Rhino, 2926 16th St, SF. Info/res: 861-5079.
Oscar & Bertha by Maria Irene Fornes. Offbeat comedy tells the story of two very eccentric siblings competing for the affections of the same woman. Magic Theatre production. Runs Wed-Sat at 8:30 pm, Sun at 2 & 7:30 pm, thru 4/12. Tix $12-21. Magic Theatre, Ft Mason Ctr, Bldg D, SF. Info/reg: 441-8822.
Dangerous Beauty: Love in the Age of Earthquakes & AIDS by Lee Jenkins. Work explores the relationship between a bisexual woman & a gay man who is HIV positive and the conflicts that come about when powerful romantic feelings do not conform to the limits of sexual identities. Tale Spinners Theater production. Runs thru 3/29 at The Marsh at Cafe Beano, 878 Valencia St, SF. Thurs-Sun at 8 pm. Info/res: 641-0235.
A Murder of Crows by Mac Wellman. Wellman uses an off-center middle class family to raise disturbing questions about politics, religion, class struggle, xenophobia, life, death & the American Dream. Opens 3/13, runs Thurs-Sun at 8 pm thru 3/29. Intersection for the Arts, 446 Valencia St, SF. Info/res: 626-3311. Tix $10.
The Convict's Return by Geoff Hoyle & Anthony Taccone. One-man show by Hoyle, popular Bay Area clown/comic, a "monologue on steroids." Berkeley Rep Theatre production. Runs in modified rotating repertory with the second play of Berkeley Rep's Parallel Season, **Dream of a Common Language** by Heather McDonald. New play about self-discovery, sexual natures & the creative force. Opens 3/25 as the 2nd play in Berkeley Rep's Parallel Season. For showtimes & tix info call (510) 845-4700. 2025 Addison St, Berkeley.
The Imposter, a Kyogen adaptation in English of the Moliere comedy masterpiece, "Tartuffe," developed by playwright Carol Sorgenfrei & Theatre of Yugen. Shown with the traditional Kyogen play, **The Owl Mountain Priest**, performed in English. Theatre of Yugen production. Runs Fri & Sat eves at 8 pm, Sun matinees at 3 pm, thru 3/28. Tix $12 eve performances. Info/res: 621-0507. Noh Space, 2840 Mariposa at Alabama, SF.
Apple Pie with George & Jane (or Political Wife Flambe), an interactive mock "meet the candidate reception" based on characters from Bill Talen's "Political Wife." A series of mock receptions marks the triumphal return of George & Jane Cudahay from their whistle stop presidential primary tour of New Hampshire. Runs thru 4/18 at 8 pm. Civic Center Holiday Inn Banquet Rooms, 50 8th St, SF. All performances include dessert with the candidate. Info/res: 776-8999.
Billy Bishop Goes to War, musical comedy/drama by John Gray & Eric Peterson. Based on the true life story of William Bishop, a young Canadian who became the most decorated fighter pilot in WWI. Columbia Actors' Rep production. Runs Thurs-Sat at 8 pm, Sun at 3 pm, thru 3/29. New Conservatory Theatre, 25 Van Ness Ave, SF. Tix $18. Info/res: 861-8972.
Together Again—Sid Caesar & Imogene Coca, legendary comedy team, bring their acclaimed eve of music & comedy to the Marines Memorial Theatre for a limited run—8 pm Wed-Fri; 2 & 8 pm Sat; 2 pm Sun; thru 3/22. 609 Sutter St, SF. Info/res: (415) 771-6900, 1-800-800-TIXS, or (510) 762-BASS.
Blue Window by Craig Lucas. Play takes a look at the lives of a group of disconnected New Yorkers who meet at a neighborhood party. Hillbarn Theatre production. Runs Fri & Sat at 8 pm thru 3/28, with Thurs eve performance on 3/12, Sun matinees at 2 pm on 3/15 & 22. Tix $9 gen'l, $7 stdnts & srs. Info/res: 349-6411. Hillbarn Theatre, 1285 E. Hillsdale Blvd, Foster City.
Carrie, a comic interpretation of the 70's film classic, by the Sick & Twisted Players. A Playstitute presentation at Life on the Water Theatre. Show runs on 3/23, followed by cocktail reception; 3/30 & 4/6. All performances at 8 pm. For tix & other info call 776-8999.
Visitations by Death by Omewenne Grimstone. A dark, haunting, surrealistic drama. Playstitute production. Show opens on 3/24, followed by cocktail

Alix Mazuet and Anne Doctor of Charlie's Web in "Between the Dog & the Wolf," First Annual Festival of the Performing Arts, May 1-10.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reception, runs on 3/31 & 4/7. All performances at 8 pm. Life on the Water Theatre, Ft Mason Ctr Bldg B, SF. Tix info/res: 776-8999.

Adam & the Experts by Victor Bumbalo. Comedy on sexual repression in the time of AIDS. Thru 3/29. Benefit for the Stop AIDS Project. Theatre Rhino, 2926 16th St, SF. Info/res: 861-5079.

A Portrait of the Young Man as a Sexual Creature by Quentina De Cat. Play focuses on Peekay, a 19 yr old gay Asian intellectual struggling to achieve a compromise btwn his individuality & the racial & sexual stereotypes of a Eurocentric culture. Ixkwisit Death production. Runs 3/12-14, 19-21 at 8 pm at Laval's Subterranean Theatre, 1834 Euclid Ave, Berkeley. Tix $8 gen'l, $6 stdnts & srs. Info/res: (510) 548-6581.

The Walk'll Do You Good by Joe Tramontana. Set in 1968, play explores the heart-wrenching decision of a young man faced with the draft. Daedalus Studio production. Runs Fri & Sun 3/13-4/5. 8 pm. For tix & other info call 621-0377.

Play Strindberg by Friedrich Durrenmatt, translated by James Kirkup. Modern adaptation of Strindberg's play, "The Dance of Death." Complex & intriguing story focuses on Edgar, an arrogant officer; Alice, his no-talent actress wife, and Kurt, an old friend who enters the relationship on the couple's 25th wedding anniversary. SF Playhouse Theatre Co production. Previews 3/18, opens 3/19, runs Wed-Sat at 8 pm thru 4/18. On Broadway Theatre, 435 Broadway nr Kearny, SF. Tix $12 Wed & Thurs (2 for 1 days), $12 Fri & Sat. Info/res: 398-1541.

Double Play, twin bill of new one-act plays by Douglas Dean. **One More Goodbye** is a bittersweet comedy about a May-December gay relationship, **The Cat Dancers** is a suspense drama about an older man terrorized by an intruder in his apartment. Theatre 2000 production. Fri & Sat at 8 pm, Sun at 3 pm, thru 4/26. Tix $10. The Phoenix Theatre, 301 8th St at Folsom, SF. Info/res: 928-5598.

Charley's Aunt by Brandon Thomas. Farce about the legendary lady from Brazil, the funniest gay auntie you could ask for. ACT production. Runs thru 3/28 with a special performance on 3/22 at 7:30 pm, to benefit the Tenderloin AIDS Resource Ctr & Mission Neighborhood Health Ctr. For showtimes, tix & other info call 749-2ACT.

Crimes of the Heart, Pulitzer Prize-winning play by Beth Henly. Comedy about 3 endearing but slightly "off" Southern sisters. Bedini Theatre Project production. Runs Fri & Sat at 8 pm, 3/20-4/11, special matinee performance on 4/5 at 2 pm, special Thurs eve performance on 4/9 at 8 pm. Tix $10. Miz Brown's Cabaret Theatre, 2565 Mission St at 22nd, SF. Info/res: 921-2769.

Immaculate Imagination, a one-man performance work by Fred Adler. Consists of a collaborative collection of stories from the family inside Fred, including material from ungainful employment, explorations of the worlds behind things, and an adaptation of the first 30 pages of *One Hundred Years of Solitude*. Runs 3/27-29, 4/3-5 at 8 pm at ACT Playroom, 450 Geary St, SF. Tix $7-12 SL. Info/res: 626-6262.

Whatever Happened to BB Jane? Comedy musical spoof by Wayne Buidens. Open-ended run at the Victoria Theatre, beginning 3/12. Thurs-Sat at 8 pm, Sun at 3 pm. For tix & other info call 626-7544. 2961 16th St at Mission, SF.

Greek by Steven Berkoff. A powerful & erotic modern-day Oedipus story, set in working-class England. A Magic Theatre/Industrial Strength co-production. Wed-Sat at 8:30 pm, Sun at 2 & 7:30 pm, thru 3/28. Magic Theatre, Ft Mason Center Bldg D, SF. Tix $12-21. Info/res: 441-8822.

GALLERIES

Lesbian Adoptee Art Show & Reading: 5/9 (night before Mother's Day), 7-10 pm at 1777 Yosemite Ave #4F. Doors close at 7:30 pm. $5-20 SL fee, no one turned away for lack of funds.

Gay & Lesbian Artists' Alliance (GLAA) Spring Group Show: 20 artists in various media exhibit their work at the Bayfront Gallery, Herbst Pavilion, Ft Mason Ctr (Marina Blvd & Buchanan), SF. Reception 5/15, 6:30-9 pm, exhibit runs Wed & Thurs, 7-11 pm, Fri-Sun, 3-11 pm thru 6/27.

On Exhibit at the de Young: "Imperial Austria: Treasures of Art, Arms & Armor," from the State of Styria; thru 5/17. "A Collection Rediscovered: European Tapestries," thru 6/21. Golden Gate Park, SF. Hrs: Wed-Sun 10 am-5 pm. Fee: $8 gen'l, $4 kids age 12-17, $5 srs (65 & over), kids under 12 are free. Info: 863-3330.

Calif Palace of the Legion of Honor: Lincoln Park, off 34th Ave & Clement St, SF. Hrs: Wed-Sat 10 am-5 pm. Info: 750-3614.

SF Museum of Modern Art: "Stuart Davis: American Painter," thru 6/7; "Angels: Bruce Conner, 1973-1975," 24 photograms from Conner's Angel series on exhibit thru 7/5. "Robert Rauschenberg: the Early 1950s," 5/14-8/16. 401 Van Ness Ave, SF. Hrs: 10 am-5 pm, Tues, Wed & Fri; 10 am-9 pm Thurs; 11 am-5 pm Sat & Sun. Tix $4 gen'l, $2 srs & stdnts, kids under 13 are free. Info: 252-4000.

Art Lick Gallery: New Paintings by Greg Wulf, on exhibit thru 5/24. 4147 19th St, SF. Hrs: Wed-Sun, noon-6 pm; Mon & Tues by appt. Info: 621-5131.

Judah L Magnes Museum: "The Legacy of Boris Deutsch: A Centennial Exhibition," paintings & mural sketches by this 1930s-40s Calif artist. 5/24-9/20. "Remembrance," mixed media installation by Lisa Kokin; recollection of the Holocaust. 5/24-7/12. "Survivors," ceramic sculpture by Andree Thompson Singer. Ceramic figures & ceramic-and-brick "chimneys" commemorate the Holocaust. 5/24-9/20. "Images," calligraphic art conveying a spiritual quest, by Edna Miron-Wapner. 7/19-9/20. Magnes Museum 30th Anniversary Exhibit, anniversary gifts, ceremonial & fine art, documents, rare manuscripts, etc. Opens 10/11. Paintings by Diana Shor, for the Magnes' 30th anniversary. Opens 10/11. Hrs: Sun-Thurs, 10 am-4 pm. Closed Jewish & federal holidays & closed thru 5/12 for renovations. Info: (510) 849-2710. 2911 Russell St, Berkeley.

Ansel Adams Center: 250 Fourth St, SF. "Emmet Gowin: Photographs," exhibit of over 120 photos on exhibit 5/8-7/12. "Fauna: Specious Origins," a photo-conceptual exhibit by Catalan artists Joan Fontcuberta & Pere Formiguera, 5/13-7/12. "Ansel Adams & the National Parks," exhibit of Adams' legendary photos made in American nat'l parks & monuments, 6/3-9/6. "A Distanced Land: The Photographs of John Pfahl," retrospective exhibit, thru 5/3. "De Natura: Collaborative Works by Vikky Alexander & Ellen Brooks," thru 5/10. Hrs: Tues-Sun, 11 am-6 pm. $4 gen'l, $3 stdnts, $2 srs/youth 12-17, kids under 12 are free. Info: 495-7000.

Cartoon Art Museum: "Broad Humor: Women Cartoonists of the Past, Present & Future," exhibit of original art by women cartoonists. Thru 5/16. Also "Black Ink," an exhibit of original art by African American cartoonists, thru 5/16. "Visions of the Floating World: the Cartoon Art of Japan," 5/27-9/5. 665 Third St at Townsend, SF. Hrs: 11 am-5 pm Wed-Fri, 10 am-5 pm Sat. $3 gen'l, $2 stdnts & srs, kids 12 & under are free. Info: 546-9481.

Stamp Art Gallery: "I Yam What I Yam," Popeye Retrospective. Exhibit features vintage Popeye rubber stamp sets manufactured by Superior Marking Co of Chicago in 1937, contemporary Popeye set on loan from the Rubber Stamp Museum, plus individual Popeye stamps from LA Stampworks, and other Popeye memorabilia. On exhibit thru 5/30. 466 8th St, SF. Info: 252-5975.

Bomani Gallery: Mixed media by Calvin B Jones. Thru 5/20. 251 Post St, SF. 6th floor. Hrs: Tues-Fri, 11 am-5 pm, Sat noon-5 pm. Info: 296-8677.

Circle Gallery: Exhibit of Erte's classic lithographs & serigraphs in celebration of the 100th anniversary of his birth. Thru 5/25. 900 N. Point, Ghirardelli Square, SF. Hrs: Mon-Thurs 11 am-7 pm; Fri-Sat 10 am-9 pm; Sun 10 am-6 pm.

Circle Gallery: Exhibit of original paintings, polymorphs, serigraphs & more by Yaacov Agam, int'lly acclaimed kinetic artist. Opening reception 5/14, 6:30-8:30 pm, exhibit continues thru 6/7. Hrs: Mon-Sat 10 am-6 pm, Sun noon-5 pm. 140 Maiden Lane (Union Square), SF. Info: 989-2100.

Soft Touch Gallery: Prints & drawings by Sallie Moore, on exhibit thru 5/31. Reception 5/8, 7-9 pm. 1580 Haight St, SF. Hrs: Tues-Wed, Fri-Sun, 11 am-6 pm. Info: 863-3279.

The Lab Gallery: "An Invitation to the Golden Age," environmental installation by visual artist Kevin Radley. Thru 5/16. 1807 Divisadero St at Bush, SF. Hrs: Noon-5 pm Wed-Sat. Info: 346-4063.

John Pence Gallery: "Still Lifes & Florals," exhibit of work by selected American artists, past & present. Thru 5/9. 750 Post St, SF. Info: 441-1138.

Morphos Gallery: "Scott Mutter: Photomontages," on exhibit thru 5/10. 544 Hayes St, SF. Info: 626-1936.

New Langton Arts: "Aliens Who..." installation by Inigo Manglano-Ovalle & "The Black Museum," installation by Danny Tisdale. Thru 5/16. Hrs: Tues-Sat 11 am-5 pm. 1246 Folsom St btwn 8th & 9th, SF. Info: 626-5416.

Nelson Morales Gallery: 140 Geary St #301, SF. Hrs: Tues, Thurs & Sat, noon-6 pm, Wed 10 am-2 pm, or by appt. Info: 255-1432.

Robert Dana Gallery: Group exhibit: Ink drawings by Pedro Jimenez, photos by Nina Glaser, paintings & sculpture by Lawrence Hacken, mixed media on canvas by Dan Samborski; on exhibit 5/8-6/8. Hrs: 10 am-6 pm Mon, Fri & Sat; 11 am-5 pm Sun; and by apt. 1849 Union St, SF. Info: 749-1849.

KBBK Studios: "Mixing Memory & Desire," oil paintings & pastels by Jeffrey Welch, on exhibit thru 5/30. 465 Broderick St at Hayes, SF. Hrs: Thurs 3-6 pm, Fri & Sat 2-5 pm; and by appt. Info: 563-9046.

Vision Gallery: 1155 Mission St, SF. Hrs: Mon-Sat 9 am-6 pm. Info: 621-2107.

SF Craft & Folk Art Museum: "Pond Farm," pottery works by Marguerite Wildenhain, Gordon Herr, Jane Herr & Franz Wildenhain; on exhibit thru 6/28. "Julia Morgan: Architecture Rendered Beautiful," photos & original polychrome & black & white sketches of the architect's work, thru 6/28. Hrs: 11 am-5 pm, Tues-Sun; 10 am-5 pm, Sat. Ft Mason Ctr Bldg A, SF. Info: 775-0990.

University Art Museum: Paintings by Phillipine-born artist Manuel Ocampo in the Gallery 2, thru 6/21. "Mikhail O Dlugach: Cinema Posters of the Russian Avant-garde," 26 film posters from the 1920s-1930s, on exhibit thru 10/11 in the Theater Gallery. In Gallery 1, "Rubashov's House," a constructed reflection by Jill Lahn Stoner on the image of solitary confinement; thru 6/28. Related program: Reading by Lawrence Thomas from his acclaimed book, *Imagining Argentina*, set in the 1970s when thousands of Argentinians disappeared into the general's prisons & torture chambers, 5/10 at 2 pm. Hrs: Wed-Sun 11 am-5 pm. 2626 Bancroft Way, Berkeley. Info: (510) 642-0808.

NIAD Gallery: National Institute of Art & Disabilities Gallery. Hrs: Mon-Fri 9 am-4 pm. 551 23rd St, Richmond. Info: (510) 620-0290.

Richmond Art Center: Civic Center Plaza, Baird & 25th St, Richmond. Wheelchair Accessible. Hrs: 10 am-4:30 pm, Tues-Fri; noon-4:30 pm Sat & Sun. Info: (510) 620-6772.

SF Camerawork: Filmworks by Wyn Geleynse, "ID," a video installation by Chris Robbins, on exhibit thru 6/6. Ara Diamond, Cathy Greenblatt, Jackie Orr & Chris Robbins, in "Panic, Inc," an exchange, with a performance by Jackie Orr, 5/26 at 8 pm, $5. 70 12th St, btwn Market & Mission, at South Van Ness Ave, SF. Hrs: Tues-Sat, noon-5 pm. Admission free. Info: 621-1001.

SF Arts Commission Gallery: "The Archeology of Intention," a temporary outdoor installation by Bernie Lubell; on exhibit thru 6/19. "Sight," exhibit of works by 5 artists (Chris Daubert, Tom Foolery, Peggy Ingalls, Bob Jones & Ingrid Muan) investigating the phenomena of visual perception. Thru 6/5. Related program: Gallery talk by the artists, 5/21 at 7 pm. 155 Grove St, SF. Hrs: 11 am-5 pm Tues-Fri, 11 am-8 pm Thurs, noon-5 pm Sat. Info: 554-9682.

The Jewish Museum: "In Fine Linen: the Art of Laurie Gross," retrospective of approx 100 of Gross' fibre sculptures, plus a new installation. On exhibit thru 6/14. 121 Steuart St btwn Mission & Howard, SF. Hrs: 10 am-4 pm Tues-Fri & Sun. Info: 543-8880.

Turn of the Century Fine Arts: Paintings by Linda Darling, on exhibit thru 5/16. 2518 San Pablo Ave, Berkeley. Hrs: Noon-5 pm, Tues-Sat. Info: (510) 849-0950.

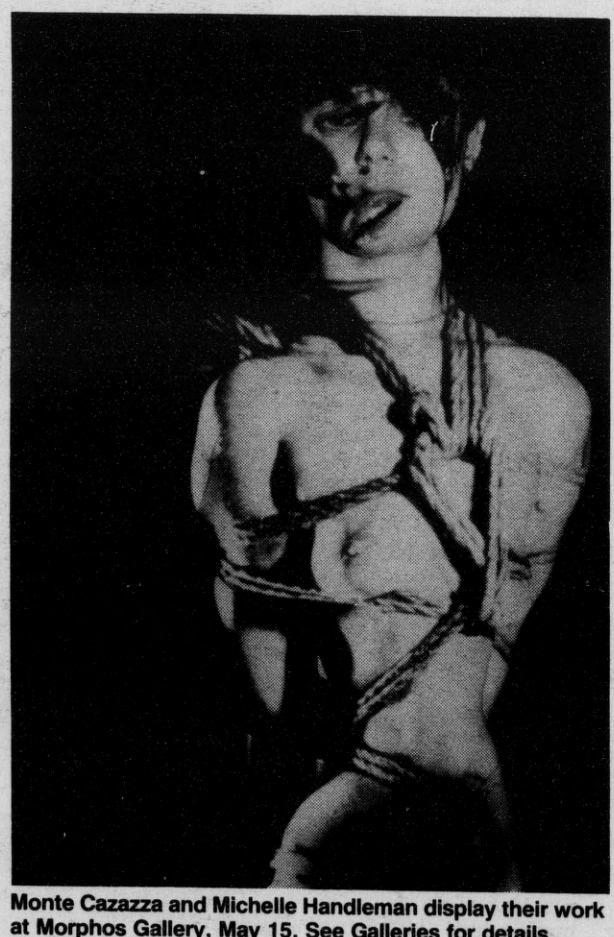
Falkirk Cultural Gallery: "HomeFront: Comprehending a Common Language," group exhibit of works in various media by Jose Antonio Burciaga, Bernadette Cotter, Roshini Kempadoo, Bobby Neel Adams, Andre Kreft, Ann Meredith, Maria Porges, Charles Schmalz, Lorna Simpson, Diane Tani, Carrie Mae Weems & Rene Yung. Thru 6/13. Related program: Informal discussion with Jose Antonio Burciaga, Maria Porges & Diane Tani, 5/7 at 7:30 pm. 1408 Mission St, off E, San Rafael. Hrs: 10 am-6 pm Tues-Fri, 10 am-9 pm Thurs, 10 am-1 pm Sat. Info: 485-3328.

Eye Gallery: 1151 Mission St, SF. Info: 431-6911. Hrs: Noon-5 pm, Tues-Sat.

"Beyond the Volcanoes," the first comprehensive exhibit of contemporary Salvadoran artists in the US. Features 25 visual artists from El Salvador, presenting an overview of folkloric, primitive, expressionistic, conceptual & abstract paintings. Thru 5/30 at Galeria Museo, Mission Cultural Center, 2868 Mission St, SF. Hrs: 1-6 pm Tues-Fri, 11 am-4 pm Sat. Info: 821-1155.

Lee & Lees Contemporary Art Gallery: "New Beginnings," exhibit of the works of two nonprofit art studios, Creativity Explored and Hospitality House Community Arts Program. Thru 5/10. 347 Hayes St, SF. Hrs: noon-8 pm Tues-Sat. and by appt. Info: 255-1097.

10th Anniversary East Bay Open Studios: Self-guided tours, art exhibit & sale: From Oakland to Richmond, the



Monte Cazazza and Michelle Handleman display their work at Morphos Gallery, May 15. See Galleries for details.

largest open studios in Northern Calif. Gallery exhibit thru 5/17 (Tues-Thurs, noon-6 pm, Fri 10 am-6 pm, Sat & Sun 11 am-5 pm); artist's reception 5/7, 6-9 pm; south studios 5/9 & 10, 11 am-6 pm, north studios 5/16 & 17, 11 am-6 pm. For info on locations, receptions, volunteering, etc, call Pro Arts (510) 763-4361.

"Immediate," an exhibit of photography by Niall M Yoshizumi at Architects & Heroes, 2239 Fillmore St, SF. Thru 6/14. Opening reception 5/15, 7-9 pm. Info: 921-8383.

"Signs Shades," paintings by Steve Fegan on exhibit at Singing in the Stone Gallery thru 5/17. 2115 Taraval & 32nd Ave, SF.

"Egypt in Transition—Graeco-Roman Africa," exhibit of ancient artifacts, thru 5/15 at Becker-Colonna Egyptian Gallery, Science Building, SF State University, 1600 Holloway Ave, SF. Hrs: Mon-Fri 11 am-4 pm, Sat 11 am-2 pm. Info: 338-2068.

"Persistence of Memory," paintings, lithographs & sculptures by Jose Maro Alverado, at La Raza Graphics Ctr, 938 Valencia St, SF. Thru 5/22. Info: 648-0930.

Recent Paintings by Lawrence Ferlinghetti, on exhibit thru 5/29. IIC Gallery, 425 Bush St, SF. Hrs: Mon-Fri 9 am-4:30 pm. Info/RSVP: 788-7142.

"Artworks from Third World America," on exhibit at La Pena Cultural Center, 5/11-6/19. Co-spons by Taller Sin Fronteras and Koncepts Cultural Gallery. Features 25 artists from the Bay Area & NYC. Opening reception 5/19, 4-7 pm, with music by Pharoah Saunders. 3105 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 814-8054 or (510) 451-5231.

Max Laurie White: exhibit of monotypes & drawings at Hairy Bizness Salon/Gallery, thru 5/31. 867 Valencia St at 20th, SF. Info: 826-1291.

RESOURCE GUIDE

AIDS RESOURCES

ACT UP/SF meets Thurs, 7:30 pm, at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. Direct action & civil disobedience to end the AIDS epidemic & the injustices around it. Call 563-0724 for info. WA.

ACT-UP/Golden Gate meets Tues at 7 pm at 539 Hayes St, SF CA 94102. Office: 252-9275. Hotline: 252-9200.

PISD (People with Immune System Disorder), a caucus of ACT UP, for all people with immune disorders. Call 563-0724 for info.

ACT-UP Eastbay meets Wed 7:30 pm. First Unitarian Church of Oakl, 14th & Castro, Oakl (3 blocks west of City Ctr BART Station). Info: (510) 836-4401.

ARC/AIDS Vigil: nonviolent, civil disobedience, political activist organization addresses AIDS issues thru direct contact with govt officials. Call 567-9991 for info.

New Friends: a group made up of people with AIDS who help those who have been newly diagnosed. Info: 928-5352.

AIDS/HIV Nightline: Provides nighttime emotional support for people concerned about AIDS or HIV infection. Run by SF Suicide Prevention, the Nightline is staffed by trained volunteers, Mon-Fri 9 pm-5 am, Sat & Sun 5 pm-5 am. Call 668-2437 or 1-(800) 273-2437.

AIDS Info BBS: Computerized info about treatments, studies, contacts, assistance & more. Periodical newsletters, newspaper articles & comments by & for PWA. 8-N-1, 24 hrs, 2400/1200 baud. Free since 7/25/85. Use modem to call (415) 626-1246.

AIDS Trials at NIAD/NIH: the National Institutes of Health recruits volunteers for inpatient & outpatient studies of new drugs & vaccines. For info call 1-800-243-7644. If you're accepted & enroll in a study, all travel expenses, & medical care provided at NIH, is free.

***Directory: HIV Clinical Trials** in the Bay Area*, a directory published & distributed by the Community Consortium. The goal of this directory is to make it easier for people with HIV disease to enter drug trails. It provides up-to-date, easily understood descriptions of currently available trials for people with HIV & their caregivers. Also answers basic questions about clinical trials & lists trial requirements & purposes. Updated 3 times a year. Free. For more info or to get a copy, call 476-9554.

The City of Berkeley offers free, anonymous blood-testing for the HIV virus at South Berkeley Women's Community Health Center, South Berkeley Community Church, 1802 Fairview St (enter at Ellis), Berkeley. Thurs 1-3:30 pm. Drop-in. For more info call (510) 644-8571 or (510) 601-8282 on Thurs.

AIDS Emergency Fund: A volunteer-run, community-funded agency that provides emergency financial aid to low-income persons with AIDS/disabling ARC in the 9 Bay Area counties. Info: 441-6407. 1550 California St #7, SF 94109.

People with AIDS-SF: sponsors educational forums & newsletter, addresses research, public policy & other issues. Info: 553-2560.

Center for Positive Care (HIV Early Intervention Resource Ctr) offers multicultural & multilingual outreach, intake assessment, case management, education & psychosocial support services to newly-diagnosed HIV positive people and people with AIDS. 3180 18th St at Folsom, SF. Info: 476-3644.

California Partner Study/UCSF offers support, education, testing, lab work and physical exams for bisexual men and their female partners. All services are free. Eligible couples must have at least one member who is a person with AIDS/ARC/HIV-positive. Info: 845-2331 or (800) 262-2430.

UCSF Coping Project seeks men who are caregivers to their partners who have AIDS to learn about the stress of caregiving, how caregivers cope with these stresses, and how caregiving affects health & psychological well-being. For info on how you can help call Anne Christopher at the UCSF Coping Project 597-9177.

AIDS Care Study/UCSF seeks to interview men & women (parents, siblings or married spouses) who are currently caring for a relative with AIDS or symptomatic HIV infection. The study looks at the difficulties & rewards of caregiving and assesses the availability & use of services for PWAs & caregivers. Participants are interviewed 3 times over a one-year period and are paid $25 per interview. For details call 476-7732 or 476-7733.

Women's Support Group: open to any women diagnosed with AIDS. Info: Shanti Project 777-CARE.

Youth & Children's Groups: ongoing support for those diagnosed, & for children of people with AIDS, divided by age categories. Info: Shanti Project 777-CARE.

BAY (Bay Area Youth) Positives: Offers several support group for adolescents & young adults dealing with HIV. Group helps minimize the stress felt among young people who are HIV+. Free. Spons by AIDS Health Project. For mtg locations, times & other info call Julie Graham 386-4615 or Scott Walker 206-3157.

Bay Area HIV Support & Education Services deals with issues & problems surrounding AIDS & its impact on the people of color communities. Provides support groups for African American men & men of all colors. Also provides transportation assistance (to medical appts & to pick up medication) to HIV positive African American men in SF & Oakl. Info: 749-6714. Fax: 749-6706.

Rafiki Services Project provides practical & emotional support volunteer training; and services specifically geared toward African-American people with AIDS & HIV-related illnesses. For info contact Rodney Gooden 346-5860

Marin AIDS Support Network: emotional support for persons with AIDS or ARC & their loved ones, outreach & education. Info: 457-AIDS.

ARC/AIDS Drop-In Group for men with AIDS-related conditions or symptomatic HIV disease. Support, info, stress management. Thurs 6-8 pm. Operation Concern, 1853 Market St, SF. Free. No adv reg required. Info: 626-7000.

HIV+ Drop-in Group for men testing positive. Wkly mtgs, 6-8 pm, free. Operation Concern, 1853 Market St, SF. Info: 626-7000.

HIV Dual Diagnosis Program spons by Operation Concern: Provides intake, assessment, psychiatric consultation & monitoring, counseling & psychotherapy, case management & referrals, for HIV positive lesbians & gay men whose diagnoses are complicated by psychiatric disorders and/or substance abuse. Info: 626-7000.

AIDS Health Project offers prevention programs; mental health, substance abuse & antibody counseling; AIDS health professional training program & a guide to AIDS Research. Info: 1855 Folsom St, Ste 506, SF. 476-6430.

Third World People with AIDS/ARC meet in Oakl. Info: AIDS Project of the Eastbay (510) 420-8181

SF Kaiser Permanente Med Ctr offers HIV + groups (for gay men, for non-gay men & women); ARC groups (for gay men, for women & non-gay men); groups for parents whose children have AIDS; for caretakers (lovers, spouses, friends & others) of people with AIDS/ARC; & for those grieving after losing someone to AIDS. Also offers HIV forums on a variety of issues. Free, open to all Kaiser members, their families & friends.

Kaiser Oakland offers drop-in groups dealing with AIDS/HIV issues. Call Marsha Blachman, LCSW (510) 596-6305. For info on ongoing, closed support groups call Lee Horzempa, LCSW (510) 596-6344; for info on HIV Education forums call Joe De Milia 596-6848.

Kaiser Movement & Exercise: ongoing 10-session, non-intensive therapeutic movement & exercise class for people with AIDS/HIV & other immunodeficiecies, spons by CCCATF & Kaiser Permanente. Wed 3-4 pm, $10/10 wks. Stanwell Bldg, 1634 Newell Ave, Walnut Creek. Drop in OK ($2/session). Info: (510) 943-2771.

Kaiser Patients Advocacy Union (KPAU): consumer activist group assists HIV-positive Kaiser patients, family & friends who are having problems with medical care & services at Kaiser. Newsletter, mtgs, confidential hotline, & lobbying—call 621-3409.

Gazebo at Davies Medical Ctr: an educational ctr for PWAs & HIVers. Get help interpreting lab work; info on clinical trials; nutrition, breathing & body awareness; legal advise (wills, living trusts, power of attorney) & more. For info & calendar of events call 565-6369, Mon-Fri 10 am-4 pm. Castro & Duboce Sts, SF.

SF AIDS Foundation Client Services Dept provides a variety of direct services for persons with AIDS & ARC: financial benefits counseling, info & referral, advocacy, women's & people of color services, emergency housing, food bank & more. For info call 864-5855.

Face to Face/Sonoma County AIDS Network: counseling & in-home care for people with AIDS & ARC in Sonoma County. Also support groups. Info: Face to Face/Sonoma County AIDS Network, POB 1599, Guerneville, CA 95446; or call (707) 887-1581.

The AIDS/ARC Blood Fund for people with AIDS is available by calling the Harvey Milk Lesbian/Gay Demo Club's Blood Fund Coordinator, 863-6761.

Project Open Hand delivers hot meals & groceries to people with AIDS or disabling HIV disease in SF, Oakl & Berk. Food Bank at Church & Duboce, SF, provides groceries only. No one refused service because of inability to pay. A letter of diagnosis/referral is all that's necesssary to receive service. Info: (415) 558-0600 or (510) 548-8909.

The Family Link provides housing for friends & family of people with AIDS who are visiting from outside the Bay Area. Info: 346-0770.

ARIS Project: emotional, practical wkly support groups for people w/AIDS, ARC, HIV pos., & their loved ones. Also volunteer training. Call (408) 370-3272.

Contra Costa County AIDS Program: County government program. Offers community support groups & education. 597 Center Ave, Ste 200, Martinez, CA 94553. For info or to volunteer: (510) 313-6770.

Contra Costa County AIDS Task Force: Offers emotional & practical support to people with AIDS/ARC, their families & loved ones. Support groups, outreach, education. Info: (510) 932-AIDS. 2326 Boulevard Circle, Walnut Creek, 94595-1153.

San Mateo County AIDS Project: spons by the Dept of Health Services. Info: AIDS Project Coordinator 573-2588.

AIDS Ministry of MCC-SF: provides support to persons with AIDS & other life-threatening & chronic illnesses, their family & friends. Support groups, monthly potlucks dinners, healing services, spiritually-based training for caretakers & more. Info: 863-4434. 150 Eureka St, SF.

PAWS (Pets Are Wonderful Support) provides direct services so people with AIDS/ARC can keep their pets. Also places pets in foster & permanent homes as needed. Info: 824-4040.

SHARE (Special Human & Animal Relationships) program of Marin Humane Society offers services to Marin County PWAs with pets. Info: 883-4621.

The Godfather Service Fund: provides care packages (toiletry, bathrobes, slippers & teddy bear) to people with AIDS/ARC/HIV in 12 SF hospitals. To volunteer or make contributions call 565-4433 or write 584 Castro St #225, SF 94114.

The Rest Stop Support Center is a place for and by people with AIDS/ARC/HIV+, and their friends. Drop-in for some coffee & conversation. Ctr sponsors attitudinal healing support groups & activities. Theater classes (theater games, improv, production, both beg & adv folks are welcome), art wkshops, social gatherings & more. For group mtg times & other info call 621-1701. All events are free.

Shanti Project offers emotional, practical & residential support to people with AIDS, their friends, families & loved ones. 525 Howard St, SF. PWA Support Groups: daytime—Tues, Thurs, Fri; eves—Tues, Wed, Thurs. Friends, Family & Lovers Support Group: Wed & Thurs eves; Coping with Loss & Grief Support Group—Thurs eve. For info/location, or to volunteer as an emotional or practical support counselor (training provided) call 777-CARE.

Ellipse-Peninsula AIDS Services offers 1-1 & group emotional support for persons with AIDS & ARC, their families & significant others. Also info/referrals; case management/coordination & attendant care services. Extensive volunteer activities available. Info: 572-9702.

AIDS Interfaith Support Committee of Sonoma County: persons of any faith tradition welcome (707) 762-0107.

AIDS Interfaith Network of the Eastbay: monthly healing services. 2nd Sun, 3 pm, Lake Merritt United Methodist Church, 3755 13th St at Park, Oakl. Info: (510) 523-5011.

AIDS Interfaith of Marin: Diverse group of clergly & spiritual seekers who serve persons with AIDS, their families, friends, loved ones & caregivers. Info: Rev Dave Martin 457-1129 or write to 1000 Sir Francis Drake Blvd, #12, San Anselmo, 94960.

St Dominic's AIDS/ARC/HIV + Support Group meets alternate Tues eves at 7:30 pm at St Dominic's Parish Priory, 2390 Bush St, SF. Everyone welcome! Info: 567-7824.

The Center: provides compassionate support services for peroples with AIDS/ARC/HIV & their caregivers in Alameda County. Day Center (meals, housing referrals, therapeutic massage, social activities, laundry & shower facilities, support group & van transportation); Counseling (advocacy, referrals, in-depth psychotherapy); Volunteer Services (provide assistance with cooking, cleaning, shopping, transportation, etc); Food Bank (groceries & nutritional supplements). 3421 ML King Jr. Way, Oakland 94609. Info: (510) 655-3435.

Van Transportation Program for people with AIDS/ARC/HIV in Alameda County. Transport to & from healthcare appts. Info: The Center (510) 655-3435.

Interreligious Coalition on AIDS, a network of AIDS caregivers from the SF religious community, offers a directory of AIDS-sensitive clergy from a diverse range of religious traditions and ethnic backgrounds. Info: Bob Nelson 558-7066.

Kairos House: resource ctr in the Castro for caregivers of those affected by the AIDS epidemic. Helps caregivers deal with emotional issues. Gives guidance in caring for one's own mind, body & spirit. Support groups, wkshops, social activities, information sharing, counseling. Info: 861-0877.

Multiple Loss Support Group spons by Kairos House. 6-wk group meets Mon, 7:30-9 pm. For gay men who have experienced multiple losses during the epidemic. Facilitated by Paul Shearer, LCSW. Info/reg: 861-0877.

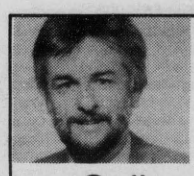
Day Group for Caregivers spons by Kairos House: Wed, noon-1:30 pm. 8-wk group for professional & non-professional caregivers. Facilitated by Steve Galper, ACSW. Info/res: 861-0877.

Immune Enhancement Program offers low-cost research and treatment programs for AIDS/ARC & asymptomatic HIV+ persons using Chinese herbs in tablet forms. Program is directed by Michael Young and run in cooperation with the Institute for Traditional Medicine, Portland, Oregon. Program includes T-cell assays, monthly acupuncture sessions, herbal consults, and all herbal tablets needed. Low-cost, $190, made possible by grants. 3450 16th St, SF. Info: 252-8711.

AIDS Project of the East Bay sponsors support groups throughout the Bay Area for people with AIDS/ARC. Info: (510) 834-8181.

Parents Support Group: for parents of children living with AIDS/ARC. Open to parents with children of any age, facilitated by two parents of a person with AIDS. Issues that arise for parents can be difficult to deal with alone, come talk to other parents who've been there. Oakland location. Spons by AIDS Project of the East Bay. Info: (510) 834-8181.

Parents & Family Support Group: wkly drop-in group gives support to families of origin of people with AIDS. Wed 7-9 pm at Coming Home Hospice, 115 Diamond St, SF. Spons by Visiting Nurses & Hospice of SF. Info: Gail Bigelow 861-8705.



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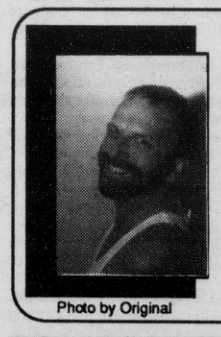

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Lovers, Friends, & Family of People with AIDS/ARC Group meets in Berkeley. Mon 6-8 pm. Info: AIDS Project of the East Bay (510) 834-8181.

Project Inform: Provides info on available treatments for HIV/AIDS (both experimental & FDA-approved), and conducts advocacy work on public policy issues affecting treatment access. Services include national toll-free hotline; fact sheets & bulletins; and more. 1965 Market St, Ste 220, SF 94103. Call (415) 558-9051 or (800) 334-7422.

Treatment Action Network (TAN): grass-roots advocacy group launched by Project Inform. TAN is a nat'l network of activists who contact elected officials, govt administrators & drug companies to lobby for critical HIV treatment & research issues. For more info & action updates, call (415) 558-9051 in SF or (800) 334-7422 in Calif, (800) 822-7422 elsewhere in the US.

SF Public Library for the Blind & Print Handicapped offers audio tapes & records to SF residents who can't read print due to physical illness or disability. Unabridged reading material & the equipment needed to play it provided free. All exchanges can be done by mail. Info: 558-5035.

Couples Group for people with AIDS & their partners. Deal with improving communication, problem-solving & other relationship issues. 6 wk groups start every other month. For info call AIDS Health Project 476-6430

Couples Support Group spons by Shanti Project. A group for couples where one or more partners has AIDS. Info: 777-CARE.

Berkeley HIV + Support Group: free, confidential, professionally-facilitated group meets wkly in eves. Limited membership. Low-cost individual counseling also available for PWA/ARC/HIV-positive. Info: Pacific Ctr (510) 841-6224.

HIV-positive/ AIDS Support Groups spons by Project Eden. Groups for PWAs, HIV-positive people, their lovers, friends & families. A safe place to share feelings. Mon & Wed. Info: (510) 887-0566.

HIV Positive Veterans: support group for vets in any stage of HIV infection. Monday eves, free. Vet's Ctr, nr 19th St BART, Oakland. Info: Mike Rankin (510) 273-7331.

San Joaquin AIDS Foundation: 4410 North Pershing Ave, Ste C-5, Stockton. PO Box 8277, Stockton, CA 95208. (209) 476-8533. 1st & 3rd Mon of each month: "Gather Round" support group for the HIV +, persons with AIDS/ARC; 6:30-8 pm at SJAF office. 2nd & 4th Tues: "Hand to Hand" support group for SJAF volunteers, 7 pm at SJAF office. Every Wed: "Stockton Connection" gay rap group discusses safe sex, AIDS, health issues & lifestyle management.

Home Care Wkshops: 17-hr wkshops offered by Home Care Companions, a nonprofit organization. For friends/family taking care of HIV patients in the home. Expand your knowledge of home nursing, social services, legal, medical & psychological issues. Info: 824-3269.

Men's Couples Group: focus on the stress of coping with a partners' illness or anxieties. Mon eves, 7:30-9 pm, free. Spons by AIDS Project of the Eastbay. Info: (510) 834-8181.

Lovers, Family & Friends of People with AIDS/ARC. Operation Concern's AIDS Family Project offers individual, couple & family counseling; plus support groups for the loved ones of people with AIDS/ARC. Info: 626-7000.

AIDS Legal Referral Panel: assists persons with AIDS, ARC or serious HIV infection on a wide range of legal problems, including wills & powers of attorney, housing difficulties, government benefits, employment programs & other issues. Services are free or reduced fee. Call 291-5454.

Insurance/Employee Benefits Legal Clinic for people with HIV infection. Free 45 min consultation with a lawyer to address your insurance questions or problems. Every Thurs, 6:15-8:30 pm. Call the AIDS Legal Referral Panel for an appointment: 291-5454.

AIDS Legal Services for people with AIDS or ARC or who are HIV positive in Santa Clara County. Help preparing wills & power of attorney. Free or SL fee services. Spons by Santa Clara County Bar Assoc Law Foundation. Info: (408) 293-3135.

Shanti Project Residences: Shanti provides low-cost, longterm housing to people with AIDS. Each of 12 residence houses are home to 3-6 people. Private bedrooms, all other living spaces shared. Resident Advocates assist with home health care, transportation, medical intervention of social services. Residents pay ¼ of their monthly income as rent. For info on renting housing or to make a donation: Shanti Residence Care rogram 777-CARE.

Peter Claver Community offers housing to persons with AIDS or ARC who are homeless or unable to secure stable housing. Info: 563-9228. Spons by Catholic Charities AIDS/ARC program.

JFCS AIDS Project: Jewish Family & Childrens' Service offers services to Jewish people with AIDS & ARC, their loved ones & families: counseling, case management, PWA/PWARC support group looking at illness in a Jewish context, emergency financial assistance, meal delivery, practical support volunteers, & support for out-of-town family members. Also speakers' bureau. Coordinator: Jody Reiss 561-1241. 1600 Scott St, SF 94115.

Emergency Health Fund spons by Catholic Charities: provides funds for PWAS/PWARC with incomes of less than $1000/month, to help in emergency situations. Info: 864-7400, ask for the AIDS/ARC Division.

GAPA Community HIV Project: Spons by the Gay Asian Pacific Alliance, this group provides emotional & pratical support, including counseling, housekeeping, shopping, hospital & home visits, running errands, and preparing special meals. For more info contact Lori Lee 575-3939.

Group for Gay Asian & Pacific Islander Men—Thurs 7:30-9 pm. Spons by Gay Asian Pacific Alliance. Info: 554-9760.

Drop-In Group on AIDS/HIV for Asian and Pacific Islander Men. Free. Find out about HIV testing, what puts you at risk, health monitoring, early intervention, HIV treatment, negotiating relationships and safer sex. Group & invidual consultations are available. Tues & Thurs 6-8 pm, Health Center #1, 3850 17th St btwn Sanchez & Noe, SF. Info: GAPA Community HIV Project 575-3939, Filipino Task Force on AIDS 703-9880, Japanese American AIDS Project 563-0553.

Diablo Valley AIDS Ctr: the only drop-in center for people with AIDS in Contra Costa County. Hrs: Mon-Fri 9 am-9 pm. Info: (510) 686-DVAC or write PO Box 139, Concord CA 94522.

The Healing Circle: safe, supportive space for anyone on a path of self-healing & love. Thurs eves, 8-10 pm at 60 Brady St, (one block up from Market/Gough), SF. Info: Bill 864-6638.

Food for Thought: AIDS food program for people with AIDS & ARC in Sonoma County. Free groceries, sundries. For info, or to volunteer or donate, write PO Box 1357, Guerneville, CA 95446 or call (707) 887-1647.

Gay Rescue Mission operates drop-in ctr/soup kitchen for people with AIDS or HIV or who are in high-risk groups. Also Twelve Step programs, emergency food, clothing & care. Info: 863-4882.

Soul Ventures: a social/networking service supporting the Bay Area HIV/PWA community. Includes dating service & social events. For free brochure & other info call 543-2520.

The Living Room (Revival Inc): a social club for people with AIDS, ARC & HIV + & for all who are concerned & care. Not a support group, not a bar, but an alternate social setting for those seeking a quality atmosphere. Wheelchair Accessible. 4035 18th St at Castro (next to Hot 'n Hunky). Call 252-1150 for hours & other info.

Community Spirit Art Program (CSAP): a grassroots group centered in the lesbian & gay community. Presents art exhibits, performances & public symposiums centering on the theme of art as a healing resource during the AIDS crisis. For info on current activites contact CSAP, Box 42, 2370 Market St, SF 94114.

STOP AIDS Mtgs for gay & bisexual men. Meet 12-15 other guys for a one-time, free, informal mtg to talk about safe sex, coping with the epidemic, & what you can do to help end it. Evenings & wkend mtgs. Call Randy or Buck at STOP AIDS Project for reg/info: 621-7177.

Healing Alternatives Foundation (HAF) maintains public HIV/AIDS Treatment & Resource Library. Also Buyer's Club offers substantial savings on products aimed at improving the health of PWAs/HIV+, including vitamins, minerals, herbals and more. Payment accepted thru AIDS Emergency Fund & Catholic Charities. Volunteers receive addt'l discounts on products. Hrs: Tues-Fri, noon-6 pm, Sat noon-5 pm. 1748 Market St at Valencia, SF. Info: 626-2316.

Lesbians Living with HIV Concerns: Safe place to meet weekly for ongoing support. Drop-in. Facilitated by Susan B. Foster, MA. 5 pm, Saturdays. Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services, 1748 Market St #201, SF. Info: 565-7667.

African-American Men with AIDS/ARC/HIV: support group: emotional support, benefits counseling, education & info. Mon at 6:30 pm. SF AIDS Foundation, 25 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 864-5855.

American Indian AIDS Institute: Provides education & prevention as well as case management & practical support services for HIV + American Indians. Referrals are welcome. One-on-one mental health services available. 333 Valencia St #200, SF 94103. Call 626-7639.

AIDS-Vision Loss Support Group: ongoing, wkly group open to anyone with AIDS-related sight loss. Focus of group is on how to cope with and adapt to lowered vision while living with HIV. Bi-weekly mtgs, 1-2:30 pm at Rose Resnick Ctr for the Blind & Visually Impaired, 1299 Bush St at Larkin, SF. Transportation available, call 441-1980 for details.

In-Home Counseling Center provides counseling on a donation basis for people with AIDS/ARC/HIV. Info: 931-6151.

Federal Benefits Seminars: twice-monthly seminar spons by the Client Services Dept of SF AIDS Foundation, for federal employees with AIDS or ARC. Focus is on the benefits package available to federal employees who are currently employed, as well as those considering separation. The hour-long seminar is held 3rd Thurs of the month at 11 am & 4th Thurs at 5 pm, and is led by a rep from the Dept of Health & Human Services. At SF AIDS Fdn Client Services Office, 25 Van Ness Ave, SF. 6th floor. Info/res: call the on-duty social worker 864-5855, pre-reg by phone is required.

Tai Chi Workout: One hour of slow, simple exercises based on the Chinese Tai Chi Chuan movements. Relaxing, stress-reducing & invigorating. Supportive, no-push atmosphere. Meets Mon & Wed, 5:30-6:30 pm, 50 Oak St nr Van Ness & Market, SF. Free to HIV+ people. Info: 255-0265.

Services for deaf & hearing impaired people infected with HIV: Offered by the UCSF Center on Deafness (UCCD) & the Hearing Society. Mental health services, hearing aid & decoding equipment loans, and more. Call Florrie Burke at the Center on Deafness, 476-4980 (voice), 476-7600 (TDD) or Jerry Friedman at the Hearing Society, 863-4710 (voice), 863-2550 (TDD).

EACH (Early Advocacy & Care for HIV) provides info about HIV early intervention, HIV/AIDS treatments & clinical trials. One-on-one cosultations to help HIV-positive men with info, access & referrals to free medical care & other services. Spons by the Gay Men of Color Consortium for gay & bisexual men of all colors. 944 Market St, corner of Mason, SF. Ste 210. Info: 403-3800.

Tenderloin AIDS Resource Ctr: Serves the Tenderloin & South of Market communities. Info & referral, client advocacy, counseling, community education, case management, street outreach, support groups, assitance with the social service & health care system. Bilingual services available. (English/Spanish) services available. Free. Mon-Fri 9 am-5 pm. Info: 431-7476.

Persons With AIDS Theatre: Offers workshops & support groups; plus stage performances, fundraisers. All theatre staff are volunteers, all services free. 140 Page St, SF. Ste 3. Info: 863-1632.

Lesbians with HIV: Individual psychotherapy & case management offered; groups & couples treatment available. Free. Spons by Operation Concern. For info call Miriam or Nan 252-6076.

Multi-Problem Drop-In Group for HIV positive men with substance use &/or mental health concerns at Operation Concern. Free. No reg necessary. 1853 Market St, SF. Tues 5:30-6:30 pm. Call 626-7000.

Can We Talk? Transgender Support Group meets at the Tenderloin AIDS Resource Center. Wed 1-3 pm. 187 Golden Gate Ave, SF. Info: Sheri 431-7476.

Santa Clara County HIV/AIDS Program provides medical evaluation, ongoing monitoring, treatment, benefits & nutritional counseling, case management & referrals at its Early Intervention Project. The Alternative Test Site provides free anonymous HIV antibody testing, with counseling & referral. 976 Lenzen Ave, San Jose. Info: (408) 299-4151.

SF Dept of Social Services offers the In Home Supportive Services program (557-5251) to provide assistance so that people with AIDS may remain in their homes (those with their own caretakers may receive reimbursent); other programs offered include: General Assistance (call 558-1095 to avoid waiting in lines), AFDC (Aid to Families with Dependent Children (557-5721), MediCal (863-9892 or 557-5676 if a home visit is needed) & Homeless (557-6201) programs. Adult Protective Services program (557-5230) offers aid to victims of abuse. The HIV Family Services program (557-5403) offers assistance to AFDC families affected by HIV. The Fragile Infant Care Program (557-5157) finds foster parents for infants with HIV infection or AIDS, and recruits foster parents for this program.

CURAS (Community United in Response to AIDS/SIDA) provides support to the Latino community thru education, emotional & practical support; case management, client advocacy, counseling, support groups, social activities y mucho amor. All services bilingual, confidential & free. Bimonthly newsletter, "Impacto." 347 Dolores St #113, SF. Volunteers needed. Info: 255-2732.

Nutrition & HIV: Free drop-in group/class led by a registered dietician. 2nd Fri of each month. 5:30 pm. Dolores Street Community Center, 208 Dolores St at 15th, SF. Info: (510) 547-7893.

The HIV Connection? Group composed of a broad spectrum of people who question the prevailing theory that HIV is a lethal virus which causes AIDS. Send SASE to The HIV Connection? 1072 Folsom St, Ste 321, SF 94103 for more info.

Quan Yin Healing Arts Ctr offers affordable acupuncture & Chinese herbal therapies for people living with HIV. Staff includes Western medical doctor & team of experienced HIV-certified acupuncturists. Hrs: Tues-Fri, 1-6 pm, Sat 9 am-3 pm. 1748 Market St at Valencia, SF. Info: 861-4964.

Japanese American AIDS Project: Nihongo o hanasu nihonjin gay to lesbian no tame no AIDS ni kansuru soupan. Nihongo de dou 20 Japanese Community Youth Council, 1840 Sutter St, Ste 207, SF. Info: 563-0553.

ARC/AIDS Vigil: See Political.

HIV+/AIDS Support Group in Oakland: Informal, safe space to address concerns, share info. For anyone in any stage of HIV infection. Meets Thurs at 6 pm. Info: Gai (510) 531-2448.

► ADDICTION RECOVERY

Iris Project (division of the Women's Institute for Mental Health) provides help for women wanting to achieve & maintain sobriety; and is one of the few agencies providing services specifically for lesbians. Groups include: early, middle & ongoing recovery; women of color; HIV + lesbians; lesbian relationships in later recovery; & an education group. Individual counseling provided. For info/intake appt call 864-2364 (for middle or later recovery groups) or drop in at orientation (Mon-Thurs at 3 pm) for early recovery group & individual counseling. 333 Valencia St, SF. Ste 222.

Women's Alcoholism Ctr provides residential, outpatient & educational services for women, children & families. 2261 Bryant St, SF. Info: 282-8900.

Smith House detox center for women. Six-bed, non-medical alcoholic detox facility designed by women for women, spons by Haight Ashbury Free Clinics. Info: 387-0244

Orchid Women's Recovery Ctr: 12-bed, residential, peer-oriented, alcohol program for women, and women with children (ages 2-12). Services include women's issues, family & alumni groups, recovery & re-entry planning, alcohol-related education, follow-up-groups and more. 1342 E 27th St, SF. Info: 535-0611.

Mills-Peninsula Hospital Chemical Dependency Ctr, largest drug & alcohol outpatient treatment ctr in the Bay Area, offers specialized lesbian & gay treatment services. 12-week, medically-supervised individual treatment program. Confidential. Two blocks from BART in Daly City. Info: 696-5544.

Acceptance Place provides residential drug & alcohol treatment for gay men. 673 San Jose, SF. Info: 695-1708.

Baker New Place provides residential drug & alcohol treatment for men & women who are HIV positive. 1375 Grove St, SF. Info: 346-6193.

Secular Organizations for Sobriety (SOS), alternative grassroots support group for recovering alcoholics & addicts. SOS appeals especially to persons who may be uncomfortable with the"Higher-Power" concepts of more traditional religious or 12-Step groups. Info: SF—255-1622, EB—534-8638), No Calif—332-1418.

AJIRA (Addicted Jews in Recovery Anonymous). Wkly mtgs for AA, NA & OA members at SF Jewish Community Ctr, 3200 California St, SF. For times & other info: Claire Silver 346-6040 ext 240.

Pagan Womyn's Group for Recovery: For womyn recovering from addictions, abuse & patriarchy. Earth-centered spiritual perspective. Sat 1-2:30 pm at Pacific Ctr, 2717 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: Maggie (510) 874-4987.

Lesbians in Recovery meets the 2nd Sun of the month. For info/location call 863-8651.

Al-Anon ACA Lesbian/Women Mtg in Pacifica: Tues at 7:30 pm, Pacifica Community Center, Hwy 1 at Crespi Dr. Info: Beverly 359-6364.

Lesbians in Recovery Group meets monthly for mutual support & fun. Call 863-8651 for info/location.

Overcoming Violent Behavior Anonymous-SF: see Incest & Battery.

Men-Only Weight Watchers Group meets Wed 6:30 pm at MCC-SF.

Lesbian Overeaters Anon Mtg: every Tues, 8-9:15 pm at Metropolitan Community Church (MCC)-SF, 150 Eureka St at 18th, SF. Everyone welcome.

Drop-In Group for gay men with substance abuse issues. Thurs eves 7-8 pm. All gay men welcome. Info, support & referral regarding chemical dependency. Spons by Operation Concern. 1853 Market, SF. Info: 626-7000.

Fundamentalists Anonymous support group: explore the experience of having once been a fundamentalist Christian with others who've been there, too. Call 832-2334.

Quit Smoking Clinic: 8-session courses for smokers who are serious about quitting. Led by ex-smokers. $35. Limited enrollment. Spons by SF Dept of Public Health. Info/res: 554-9763.

Gay Men's Recovery Program incorporating education, intensive group work & socializing. Info: Operation Recovery 626-7000.

Men's Sexual Addiction 12-Step Group (SLAA) at the Parsonage. Focus on recovery and fellowship. Wed at 8 pm. Free. 555A Castro St, SF.

Men Overcoming Sexual Compulsion: Ongoing self-help group meets weekly in SF & Eastbay. 16-wk commitment required. Info: Jay (510) 547-8439.

Men Overcoming Sexual Compulsion Group meets in Oakl. Ongoing. 16-wk commitment required. Call Jay (510) 547-8439 for details.

Lesbian Sex & Love Addicts Anonymous 12-Step meeting meets every Mon at 6:30 pm, Dolores Street Community Center, 208 Dolores St, SF. 1st door on left.

Adult Children of Alcoholics Gay & Lesbian Mtg: 8 pm Wed nights in the Castro district at MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Room 104. Info: Pauline 428-1048.

For More Listings under this category, see the *SF Bay Times* classifieds section, "Open Exchange", under the **"Recovery/Addiction Therapy/Support Groups"** heading.

► ARCHIVES

The Gay & Lesbian Historical Society of Northern California collects, preserves & disseminates materials related to local gay & lesbian experience. Also sponsors public programs & wkshops on lesbian/gay history. 2940 16th St, SF. Info: 626-0980, or write: GLHSNC, PO Box 42126, SF, 94142. Hrs: Wed 6-9 pm, Sat 2-5 pm, you must call ahead before coming to Archives.

Lesbian & Gay Books & Magazines available at the Eureka Valley Harvey Milk Memorial Branch Library, 3555 16th St, SF. 3-wk loan. Hrs: Mon, Thurs, Fri 1-6 pm; Tues 10 am-6 pm; Wed 1-9 pm. Donations of lesbian & gay material, bequests or checks payable to the Gay & Lesbian Collection (SFPLGLC) are very welcome (and tax deductible). Info: 554-9445.

Documentation of AIDS Issues & Research (DAIR) maintains a collection of clippings from magazines, newspapers, & other sources on AIDS & related subjects, from the 70s to the present. Hrs: 1l:30 am-4 pm Sat, and by appt. Info: 552-1665.

► BISEXUAL GROUPS

Bay Area Bisexual Network: umbrella organization for bisexual groups, resources & people. Open to everyone, whether or not they consider themselves bisexuals. Info: 564-BABN.

North American Multicultural Bisexual Network (NABN) acts as a clearinghouse for resources, AIDS info & political alerts. Focus on visibility, education, pride. For info contact NABN, 584 Castro St, #422, SF 94114 or call 775-1990.

Bisexual Women's Rap at Pacific Center: A safe place for Bi women. Drop-in group for women interested in bisexuality. ASL interpretation available by prior arrangement. Wheelchair Accessible. Wed 8-9:45 pm at Pacific Center, Berkeley. Info: (510) 548-8283.

Bisexual Women's Support Group meets in SF every other Sun from 7-9 pm. Not a therapy group. Occasional social outings. Info: Jane 387-0109.

Bisexual Rap Group: Drop-in group for men & women interested in bisexuality. Warm, friendly people. Meets Sun 7-8:550 pm at Pacific Ctr, 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 548-8283.

North County Bisexual Support Groups: Side by Side provides peer support for bisexual men & women. 7-7:30 pm social, followed by mtg until 9:30 pm, then short social following mtg. Focus on any issues presented by those

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ODC/SF opens their new season at the Herbst Theatre. Onstage has details.

present, especially bisexual issues. New members welcome. Sonoma County: Every Thurs night, call Dena (707) 523-2036 or Colin (707) 823-2990. Mendocino County: Call Colin (707) 823-2990 for info.

BFSF (BiFriendly-SF): social group open to bisexuals & bifriendly others. BFSF meets 7 pm Mon at Village Deli, 495 Castro St, SF for dinner & conversation with other bisexuals & friends. For confirmation, other activities/calendar: 753-0687.

Bi-Friendly UC: support group followed by social. Meets Wed eves, UC Berkeley campus. All members of the UC Berkeley/UCSF community are welcome. Info/location: Betsy (510) 845-7441.

Bi-Friendly Eastbay meets 7:30 pm 1st & 3rd Mon of each month, at the Bison Brewing Co, 2598 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley, for food, drink & conversation. Bisexuals & all bi-friendly people are welcome. Info: Susan (510) 524-0574.

Bi-Friendly South Bay (BFSB) bisexual social group for men, women & bifriendly others in the South Bay/Peninsula area. Meets Mon 7:30 pm. Info/location: Steve (415) 968-5902, Liz (510) 857-1044.

Bi-Friendly Sonoma County: bisexual social/support group for men, women & bifriendly others in Sonoma/North Bay. Info: Colin (707) 823-2990.

Women's Bisexual Network of Santa Cruz & Greater Monterey Bay Area: Meets 1st & 3rd Thurs of each month. Drop-in, self-facilitated group open to any bisexual, questioning or bifriendly woman. For location & other info call (408) 427-4556.

Marin Bisexual Women's Support/Social Group meets alternate Wed in Mill Valley. Info: Marilena 381-8865.

WRAMBA (Women's Radical Activist Multicultural Bisexual Alliance), feminist discussion/support/political action group for bi women meets Sun, 1-4 pm. Info: Krista 661-1497.

Be sure to check the "social groups," "support groups" and "political" sections for related groups.

► CALL FOR ENTRIES

Festival at the Lake: Annual cultural extravaganza in Oakland, seeks entries in its Annual Juried Photo Competition. Amateur & professional photographers from the 9 Bay Area counties are elcome. $5 entry fee, no limit on number of entries. Youth submissions are free & limited to 3 entries. For categories & other details call 464-1061. $4000 in prizes offered. Deadline: 5/6.

Forbidden Images Gallery seeks photo submissions for an upcoming exhibit celebrating our community pride and Gay Pride Month. You are invited to submit snapshots of lesbian/gay pride to Forbidden Images Gallery, Billy DeFrank Ctr, 175 Stockton Ave, San Jose, 95126. For requirements & other details call (408) 293-2429. Deadline: 5/15.

Brat Attack: Do It Yourself S/M seeks submissions by s/m dykes of color (and others). Send news, cartoons, graphix, rants, handy tips, interviews, roundtable discussions & unusual poetry or fiction. Issue Deadline: 5/31. Contact: Brat Attack, POB 40754, SF CA 94141-0754.

Deaf Gay Community: Submissions sought for an anthology focusing on gay men & lesbians who are deaf. This will be the first book to focus on deaf lesbians & gays. Send submissions & inquiries with SASE (self-addressed, stamped envelope) to Raymond Luczak, PO Box 1263, Cooper Station, NY NY 10276-1263. Deadline: 6/1.

15th Annual Mill Valley Film & Video Fest seeks submissions. Festival takes place Oct 1-11. Submission Deadline: June 30. For requirements & other info call 383-5256 or write MVFF, 38 Miller Ave, Ste 6, Mill Valley, CA 94941.

From Wedded Wife to Lesbian Life: Stories of Formerly-Married Lesbians. Personal narratives, short autobiographical fiction, poems, photos sought for anthology. Send SASE for guidelines & submissions to editors Deborah Abbott/ Ellen Farmer, 1515 Capitola Rd, Ste E, Santa Cruz CA 95062. Deadline: 7/15.

Mark I Chester Folsom Gallery seeks proposals from lesbians, gay men & others for Chester's annual Folsom St Fair show. Work on sex, sexuality & eroticism sought, in a wide variety of media & styles. Approx 5-6 pieces may be submitted on slides. Contact Mark I Chester for full details: 544-1136 (leave message) or write PO Box 422501, SF 94142. Deadline: July 15th.

Naked Nude Group Art Show: Submissions sought (women & people of color especially encouraged) of artwork & artists working with the nude for a group art show where the art, artists & viewers will all be nude. Nude live performers (musicians, body painters, readers, etc) also sought for this 6/21 event. Call 544-1136 for details.

Bay Area Artists sought to take part in the 40th annual Sausalito Art Festival over Labor Day Weekend. Call (707) 538-8980 for details. Deadline: 5/15.

Erotic Lesbian Fiction: Alyson Publications seeks submissions for a new collecton of lesbian erotica. Submissions should be typed, double-spaced and include SASE. No poetry, no s/m. Send to Karen Barber, Alyson Publications, 40 Plympton St, Boston MA 02118. Deadline: 7/15.

African American Gay & Lesbian Conference Committee seeks submissions for several events related to the Oct '92 conference: Poster design contest, entry fee $10, cash prize $50. Flag design contest, entry fee $10, prize $200. Essay contest, "Why An African American Gay & Lesbian Flag Should Fly Over the United States," entry fee $10, $100, $50 & $25 cash prizes. Entry deadline: 7/31. Info: Midgett 648-3658.

SEXART Salon: Submissions sought for a series of pansexual multidisciplinary events including readings, prose, poetry, theater, performance art & sex-related slideshows of artwork. Mark I. Chester, an artists interested in sexual art, seek submissions & proposals of art that hits the crossroads of sex, art and theater. Info: Mark 621-6294 or write POB 422501, SF 94142.

Genders Anonymous: RAM Studios seeks models of all sexual genders & lifestyles for an upcoming fine art photography exhibit. Call 553-8172 for details.

Bonehead & Betty: A Lesbian Outlaw Anthology: Tribas Publishing Group seeks submissions of short stories, poetry, articles and visual art depicting butch/femme/rude girl/tomboy and general gender fuck lifestyles. Send inquiries & submissions to Tribas, c/o Ruby Fowler, 408 Haight St, SF CA 94117 or call 621-4366.

Gay & Lesbian Firsts & Records: Alyson Publications is compiling a gay & lesbian book of firsts & records (ie, first openly queer elected officials, first gay books, etc). Suggestions for entries are sought. Don't be shy about tooting your own horn. Documentation should be included, to the extent that it is available. Send submissions to Lynne Yamaguchi Fletcher, Alyson Publications, 40 Plympton St, Boston, MA 02118.

Anything That Moves: *Beyond the Myths of Bisexuality, a quarterly magazine by, for & about bisexuals, seeks feature articles, fiction, poetry, cartoons & photos for an upcoming issue on sexuality & erotica. Send SASE to 2404 California St #24,* SF 94115 for guidelines, call 564-2226 for other info.

Theatre Rhinoceros' NET Project seeks written material for developing a theater piece on aging and maturity from a lesbian & gay perspective. Material from 5-15 min in length, consisting of personal stories, scenes, monologue etc, sought. Send to Maggie Olesen, c/o Theatre Rhinoceros, 2926 16th St, SF 94103 or call 821-1937.

Old Home Movies sought by the Judah Magnes Museum and its Western Jewish History Center, a film & sound archive which collects & preserves historic film footage & audiotape of Jewish communities in the western United States. Archive has particular interest in movies & sound recorded before 1965 in any format (8mm, 16mm, ¼" audiotape, etc) including film & sound of events at Jewish organizations, institutions & business, Jewish family life cycle rituals & synagogue activities. Contact Bill Chayes or Elizabeth Friedman at the Museum (510) 549-6952 Mon-Thurs or write (do not send materials) to them at Judah Magnes Museum, 2911 Russell St, Berkeley, 94705.

Women of Color & Jewish Women Over 60 sought for an oral history video project on women's experiences in the 1950s, conducted by lesbian students at UC Berkeley. If you are interested or available for an interview call (510) 549-4256.

► FUN & GAMES

UC Botanical Gardens: University of California-Berkeley Botanical Gardens feature 33 acres of native & exotic plants in educational & naturalized displays. Open daily, 9 am-4:45 pm. Free admission, free garden tours weekends at 1 pm. Centennial Drive above the UC Berkeley campus. Info: (510) 642-3343.

► HEALTH

PAP Tests at City Clinic: also diagnosis, treatment & counseling, for vaginitis conditions, enteric diseases. Screening & referral for AIDS. Bilingual (Spanish) staff available. Confidential, low cost services. 356 7th St, SF. Info: 864-8100.

Quan Yin Healing Arts Ctr: Nonprofit clinic provides affordable acupuncture & Chinese herbal therapies; treatment for people living with HIV, chronic hepatitis, PMS, & other gynecological imbalances. Also offers Stop Smoking Clinic. Office hrs: Tues-Fri, 1-6:30 pm, Sat 9 am-3 pm. Info: 861-4964.

American College of Traditional Chinese Medicine: professional teaching clinic offers Chinese herbal medicine, acupuncture, tui-na (Chinese physio-massage) & Chinese nutritional counseling. SL fee. MediCal accepted. 450 Connecticut St at 20th (on Potrero Hill), SF. Info: 282-9603.

Lyon-Martin Women's Health Sensitive primary health care for women by women, with emphasis on the health care needs of lesbians. Services include: gen'l medical care, gynecology, acupuncture, lesbian parenting, AIDS counseling & safe sex info (safe sex kits for women available). WA. SL. 1748 Market St nr Valencia, SF. Ste 201. Info/appt: 565-7667.

Lesbian Clinic of the Berkeley Women's Health Collective provides personal, affordable health care by lesbian practitioners. Gen'l medicine & chiropratic care to evaluate health needs. Gynecological, gen'l medical & mental health services available. Also feminist therapy referrals. Call for appt: 843-6194. WA.

Charlotte Maxwell Complementary Clinic offers free acupuncture, herbs, homeopathy, massage & visualization to low-income women with cancer. Volunteers welcome. Info: (510) 601-7660.

Women's Cancer Resource Ctr: info, support, resource & advocacy ctr for Bay Area women with cancer, their friends, families & practitioners. Provides individual peer counseling & drop-in support groups, newsletter, educational programs, legal wkshops & more. For information on groups & programs offered call 548-9272 or 548-WCRC. 3023 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley.

Gay Men's STD/VD Clinic: testing & treatment by & for gay men, free, every Sun 6-8 pm. HIV Antibody anonymous testing for women & men 12 & over, every Sun, 6-7 pm. 2339 Durant Ave at Dana, Berkeley. Wheelchair Accessible. Info: 644-0425 (non-voice TDD 548-8238 for disabled).

Berkeley Free Clinic offers free gen'l health, dental, counseling & information services, plus referrals. Also has women's health clinic by & for women. 2339 Durant Ave at Dana, Berkeley. Wheelchair Accessible. Info: 548-2570 (non-voice TDD 548-8238).

Planetree Health Resource Ctr: nonprofit ctr provides a place to go when you need more info about health or medical concerns. Get up-to-date medical info to assist you in making informed choices about your health. Ctr maintains extensive consumer health library, current medical lit clippings & health bookstore. Also support groups, health information service by mail, and more. 2040 Webster St, SF. Info: 923-3680.

Native American Health Ctr: 56 Julian Ave, SF; 3123 East 14th St, Oakland. Offers a range of physical and mental health care services to the community. SF Info: Administration, 621-8054; Dental, 621-8056; Medical/Perinatal, 621-8051; WIC, 621-7574. Eastbay Info: Administration, 261-0524; Dental 436-0455; Medical/Perinatal, 261-1962; WIC, 436-6837; Family & Child Guidance Clinic, 532-2933; Youth Empowerment, 261-8943.

The Healing Circle: Begun as an HIV support group, the group has evolved into a space of healing & growth for all men & women. Meets every Thurs at 50 Brady St, SF. 8 pm. Info: David 241-9480.

Environmental Health Network: Nonprofit provides support, advocacy & referral for people with illnesses caused or aggravated by toxic chemicals (allergies, asthma, autoimmune diseases, chronic fatigue, etc). Voicemail: 541-5075.

► HOBBIES

Hortiphiles: a group for lesbians & gay men who enjoy growing plants. For info write PO Box 31, Palo Alto, 94301 or call 851-1022.

Phoebe Snow Society: int'l organization of gay rail fans. Gay men interested in trains, railroading & travel are welcome to join. Info: (510) 352-0301.

Gay Men's Sketch: informal drawing group for gay men. Provides classical nude modeling by gay male model. Open to all skill levels. 2 min gestures to 40-min drawing. Info/schedule: Mark 621-6294.

Men's Figure Drawing Salon: Informal, free & nude. Wed 7-9 pm. Info: 626-8349.

Lesbian Life-Drawing Group: Multicultural group meets every 3rd Sun of the month. Models provided. $5-8 SL fee. Info/location: 252-8514.

Women's Sing-A-Long: monthly mtg,

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3023 Shattuck Ave. Berkeley CA 94705 (510) 548-9272

Women and Cancer Walkathon
Saturday, May 9, 1992

Breast Cancer Mother's Day Rally
in Sacramento, Sunday, May 10, 1992

The Program Committee Presents:

✠ ***Making Changes In Health Care Policy***
Monday, May 11, 1992, 7 P.M.

Breast Self-Exam Class
Thursday, May 28, 1992, 7 P.M.

Regular Monthly Events: Call for dates and times: Yoga and Relaxation for women with life-threatening and chronic illnesses; Breast Self-Examination; Group discussion with oncology nurse.

Support Groups Currently Taking Place: Call for dates and times:
Lesbians with Cancer *(meets in San Francisco)*; Grieving Lesbian Losses; Drop-in for Women with Cancer; Post Treatment; Friends and Family of People with Cancer; Grief Support (all stages, all illnesses).

New Group: Women exploring alternatives.

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YOUTH RAP GROUPS

YOUNG MEN'S GROUP
Friday Nights
MCC Church in the Castro
150 Eureka Street
7 - 9:00 pm

YOUNG WOMEN'S GROUP
Monday Nights
The Women's Building
3543 18th Street
7 - 9:00 pm

Lavender Youth Recreation and Information Center (LYRIC) sponsors social/recreational activities for lesbian, gay and bisexual youth 23 and under.

LYRIC

Call **252-6059** for more information about LYRIC.

Sat night. Informal, fun, easy. Bring guitar, voice, friends. All women welcome. Info/directions Birch 841-6032.

Sacred Circle Dance: Dance ancient & contemporary dances from all over the world. Emphasis on building community & honoring ourselves. All dances taught. Beginners welcome! Fri 8-10 pm, 1819 10th St, Berkeley. 4th Fri potlucks held in El Cerrito. Info: Laura or Howard (415) 359-0207.

Gay & Lesbian Int'l Folk Dance group meets every Tues in SF's Castro District. Line dances, no partners needed. Beginners welcome! 7:30-8 pm teaching, 8-9:30 pm dancing. Info/location: Jim 585-9784.

Women Country Western Dancers: Meet other 2-steppers in a friendly atmosphere. Social dancing, with free lessons. Every Thurs starting at 7 pm, and Sun 4-9:30 pm, in Walnut Creek. Info: (510) 524-7648.

Western Star Dancers offer country western & line dancing first Fri of each month. 7-9:30 pm at Eureka Valley Rec Ctr, Collingwood & 18th St, SF. Soft-soled shoes only. Call 621-0862.

Dark Shadows Society:: Monthly social gathering for fans & friends. Potluck, videos, fun. 8 pm. Call Neil 255-7672 for info/location.

Genealogy Discussion Group meets monthly for exchange of ideas, information & research leads. Group interests vary from the Azores to Mayflower lineage. All are welcome, from beginners to professionals. Mtgs on the 3rd Sat of each month at 1 pm. For info/location: Larry Burnett 647-0637.

Sheep's Clothing: Informal group of women knitters meet fortnightly in SF to discuss everything from wool to world events over knitting, in the best Ladies' Sewing Circle and Terrorist Society tradition. Info: Gretchen 647-2017.

SF Cable Stitchers: Informal group of male knitters meet biweekly in SF to knit, talk, swap ideas & start a design collective. Info: Peter 824-7828.

Bondage Buddies Group: Bi-weekly parties of play & socializing for gay men into bondage, harddicks & fun s/m. Open to top/bottom and experienced/novices. Info: 292-3228.

Gay Ham Group: Lambda Radio Amateur Club meets 8 pm, 2nd Thurs of each month. Amateur Radio operators & those interested in learning about the hobby are welcome to call 863-1196 or write Lambda Amateur Radio Club, PO Box 14073, SF CA 94114.

Antique Lovers: Group to discuss, compare & trade antiques & collectibles. Info: Marjorie 587-7210 (leave message).

G/LOV (Gay & Lesbian Videomakers) spons open screenings & mtgs for people involved in all aspects of the medium. Write G/LOV, Box 14051, SF 94114.

Women's Reading Group: Monthly potluck brunch & book discussion for women who are powerless over printed matter. Improve your mind & broaden your horizons. Info/location: Jill 255-7809.

Brewmistress: Informal group of women who are interested in brewing. Info: Lin 383-5345.

► HOTLINES AND REFERRALS

SF Sex Information Switchboard: Mon-Fri, 3-9 pm. Info and referrals on all aspects of sexuality, for all ages & lifestyles. 621-7300.

SF Gender Information: Nonprofit service provides referrals & networking to transsexual & other members of the gender community in the SF/Bay Area & northern Calif. For listings ($3 fee) & other inquiries send SASE to: SFGI, PO Box 423602, SF CA 94142.

Battered Lesbian 24-hr hot-line, individual counseling, support grps & legal advocacy clinics. Info: Liz at WOMAN Inc. 864-4722.

San Mateo Battered Women's Services offers a 24-hr hotline, individual counseling, support groups, legal assistance & shelter. Call 342-0850.

Battered Women's Alternatives: Eastbay resource for lesbians experiencing emotional or physical abuse. Call (510) 676-2845.

Call CUAV (Community United Against Violence) to report harassment, hate violence, intimidation by neighbors or workmates. Counseling, advocacy, info & referrals offered. 24-hr hotline: 864-7233.

Gay Domestic Violence: info, peer counseling for gay & bisexual men who batter. Referrals for victims of battering. Spons by MOVE (Men Overcoming Violence). Info: 626-MOVE.

Bay Area Lesbian/Gay Switchboard trained volunteers at Pacfic Ctr listen to your concerns. Also Bay Area & nationwide info—from sports, entertainment, rap groups, counseling, AIDS info. Services provided for the hearing impaired.

Photo by Rink

Eros Safer Sex Club opens in the Castro! Pictured: staffer Ivan, co-owner Bob, and staffer Greg, standing in front of art exhibited by Lou Randolph.

Call (510) 548-8283.

SF AIDS Foundation Hotline: (Spanish/English) info & referral to SF & No Calif (800) FOR-AIDS, TDD 864-6606. Tagalog AIDS Hotline: 1-(800) FIL-AIDS (voice/TDD). Hrs: 9 am-9 pm Mon-Fri, 11 am-5 pm Sat & Sun.

AIDS Legal Referral Panel: see AIDS Resources for details. Info: 291-5454.

Poison Control Central: 24 hr service. Over-the-phone help w/ poison emergencies. Call 476-6600.

SF Drug Line: support, info, referrals on drug problems/treatment. Call 752-3400.

Discriminated Against because of your sexual orientation? Contact SF Human Rights Commission, Lesbian/Gay Liaison Unit. There are local laws to protect you. Info: 252-2500.

Emergency Food Box Program provides 3-day supply of nutritionally balanced food to those in emergency situations. Info: 621-7575.

Renters: Learn Your Rights! Old St. Mary's Housing Committee offers counseling & special clinics on various housing issues, including evictions, leases, etc. For info/appt: 398-0724.

SF Tenants Union: provides free walk-in or telephone counseling for members, walk-in only counseling for non-members. Call 282-6622 for info. 558 Capp St, SF.

Sentinel Fair Housing: nonprofit agency investigates complaints of housing discrimination & provides comprehensive housing counseling to residents of Northern Alameda County (also referrals for out-of-area persons). If you think you have been discriminated against, call (510) 836-2687 for help/info/referral.

ECHO Housing, a nonprofit housing agency in Alameda County, offers services to Alameda County residents including deposit & delinquent rent guarantees. (In northern Alameda County call the Rental Assistance Program (RAP) at (510) 836-4826, in southern Alameda County call RAP at (510) 581-9380). Echo also offers a county-wide homeseeking program, call (510) 581-9380 for details.

Senior Information Line: events & services available to seniors in SF, spons by SF Commission on Aging. Newsline: 552-6016. Anyone wishing to add an event should call 626-1033.

Neighbors Driving You Crazy? Community Boards can help—CB is a free, fast & effective dispute resolution service for SF residents with problems: renter/owner disputes, noise, pets, money disputes, family or housemate problems, etc. Call 239-6100 & get relief.

Bay Area Bisexual Speakers Bureau: addresses all topics related to bisexuals. Speakers available. Call 564-2226.

SF Women Against Rape provides individual & group counseling for rape survivors; also does advocacy & educational work. Info: 647-RAPE. 3543 18th St, SF 94110.

Feminist Therapy Referral Project has provided psychotherapy referrals to Eastbay women therapists since 1971. SL fees & insurance are available, for info/appt, call 843-9249.

California Youth Crisis Line provides the following services to young people who have run away from home, & to their parents: crisis intervention counseling, referrals to resource agencies & a neutral message center. For help call 800-843-5200.

Calif Lawyers for the Arts (CLA): nonprofit offers legal info & education to artists. Info: 775-7200.

The Calif Network of Self-Help Centers, spons by the Calif Dept of Mental Health, offers referrals to more than 3,500 free or low-cost support groups statewide (Alcoholics Anonymous, Co-dependents Anonymous, Gamblers Anonymous, etc). For info call 1-(800) 222-LINK.

Breaking Walls, Building Bridges: Diablo Valley Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) BBS outreach service available. Forums, news, views, confidential mail. (510) 827-0804, 3/12/2400, 24 hrs. Sysop Deacon DVMCC.

► INCEST AND BATTERY

Incest Survivor Groups: both mixed women's groups & those for lesbians in recovery from drugs or alcohol. Phase 1 & 2 groups. Iris Project, 333 Valencia St, Ste 222, SF. Info: 864-2364.

Support Group for Adult Men Who Were Raped/Sexually Assaulted as Teenagers or Adults: Free, 10-wk facilitated groups offered by SF Rape Treatment Center. A safe, non-judgemental place to explore the effects of the abuse & continue the healing process. Led by Susan Wachob, LCSW, extensively-experienced facilitator of groups for male & female survivors of sexual abuse. Individual counseling also available. Info: 821-3222.

Survivors of Incest, Anonymous : 12-step, self-help group meets Tues 6:30-7:45 pm at the Pacific Center, 2712 Telegraph at Derby, Berkeley.

Ritual Abuse Survivors: Women's Support Group. Meets wkly, free. Info/location: (510) 534-9928.

Gay & Bisexual Men Who Batter: Are you feeling ashamed, afraid or angry about having been violent with the man you love the most? MOVE (Men Overcoming Violence) provides assistance & support for change in a safe, confidential place. Info: 626-MOVE.

Overcoming Violent Behavior Anonymous-SF: 12-step fellowship for batterers, based on the principles of AA. Women-only mtg. Thurs 6:30-7:30 pm, Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) of SF, 150 Eureka St, SF.

Support Group for Men who have been physically and/or emotionally abused in relationships. Led by licensed clinical psychologist, spons by Gay Men's Domestic Violence Project. For info/reg: CUAV 864-3112. Confidentiality guaranteed.

Support Group for Lesbians who are or have been in a battering relationship; SL. Info: Women Inc.: 864-4722.

Battered Women's Alternatives: An Eastbay resource offering services for lesbians experiencing emotional or physical abuse. Support group, shelter, counseling, legal advocacy. Info: (510) 676-2845.

Formerly Battered Women: Support group for women who have experienced domestic violence, and are now living independently. No fee, childcare available. Call Nancy at 863-3315 or 255-2754.

Battered Lesbian Outreach: offered by Sonoma County YWCA Women's Emergency Shelter Program. Info: (707) 546-1234. Call—you are not the only one.

San Mateo Battered Women's Services offers a support group for lesbians who have been emotionally, sexually and/or physically abused by their partners. Free. Call 593-8622 for info.

Battered Lesbian 24-hr hot-line, individual counseling, support grps & legal advocacy clinics. Info: WOMAN Inc. 864-4722.

La Casa de las Madres provides shelter for battered women & their children. Info: 777-1808.

Rosalie House's offers Women's Jobs Program offers vocational services to battered women & formerly battered women. Counseling, referrals, resume writing & job placement. Free. Call Alma 863-2160 for info.

For more listings under this category, see the *SF Bay Times* classifieds section, "Open Exchange", under **"Incest/Battery Therapy/Support Groups".**

► PARENTING & FAMILY RESOURCES

Gay/Lesbian Parenting Group, a support group for lesbians and gay men who have children, or who wish to become parents. Newsletter, potluck socials, outings, discussion groups. Info: Malke (510) 562-1574, or write LGPG, PO Box 410221, SF CA 94141.

Prospective Queer Parents Group for lesbians & gay men seeking co-parenting or known donor situations. Call Leland (510) 841-4663 for more information.

Black Female Couples With Children Group meets for support, socializing & fun. Eastbay & SF locations. Single moms are welcome! Info: Erika or Elisha (510) 293-0711.

Lesbian Moms of Young Children/Babies: Interested in networking in the Eastbay. Come to potluck/brunch—call 540-7171 for details.

Southbay Gay Parents: an organization for gay fathers & lesbian mothers. Meets 3rd Sun of each month in the San Jose area for mutual support & for exploring parenting issues. For information call (408) 293-4525 for more info.

Ever Given Up A Child for Adoption? Ongoing support group for birthmothers: offers support for healing our losses, help in searching for our children. Info: 626-8124.

Adoption Support Groups for adult adoptees, birth parents & adoptive parents. Info: Post-Adoption Ctr for Education & Research (510) 935-6622.

Chain of Life: feminist adoption reform newsletter, supports open records & search & reunification of adoptees & birth families; critiques traditional adoption practices. Edited by adoptee. For backlist/info send SASE to Chain of Life, PO Box 8081, Berkeley, CA 94707.

NOCIRC (Nat'l Organization of Circumcision Information Resource Ctrs) offers education, information & support about circumcision. Learn why circumcision is physically & emotionally damaging to children. Info: 488-9883.

Lesbian & Gay Parenting Program offered by Lyon Martin Clinic. Offers ongoing seminars, wkshops, small groups & forums for lesbians & gays thinking about parenting, and for lesbian & gay families; including 8-wk "Lesbians Considering Parenthood," and "Gay Men Considering Parenthood," Call Lyon-Martin 565-7674 for info.

Childbirth Education for lesbian families. Small group or individual classes available. Info: Suellen Sleamaker, RN, MHS, Lyon-Martin Parenting Project childbirth educator. Info: 826-4489.

Be sure to check the *SF Bay Times* classifieds section, "Open Exchange", under "Parenting" and the Parents & Kidsbox for other parenting services/info.

► PEOPLE OF COLOR

Black & White Men Together Rap/Socials: every Sat at 1350 Waller St nr Masonic, SF. Rap 6:30-9 pm. For info/mtg topic: 826-BWMT. Peter Eggenberger, facilitator; Calvin Lowery, greeter.

United Colors of Queer Nation: Direct action group for queers of color. Composed of queer people of color united to bring our common issues to the foreground of discussion & increase our visibility within & outside of the queer community, thru direct action. For info on mtgs & actions call John 821-6108 or 985-7141.

Bisexual People of Color Caucus: resource, support, political action, social group. Info: Lani 821-3534.

Lesbians of Color/Third World Lesbian Support Group meets Thursdays, 6:30-8pm; $3 donation (no one turned away for lack of funds); Pacific Ctr, Telegraph & Derby, Berk. Info: Camille Barber; (510) 548-8283.

Zebra Brigade: Social group for Black and white lesbian couples. SF location. Info: Anita or Lorrie 641-5980 or Naomi 821-9972.

African American lesbians 40+: monthly mtg for social activities, potluck, card & board games, theater outings & sports events. Info: Brenda (510) 465-2573.

Ache: Nonprofit community organization for lesbians of African American descent. Produces monthly & annual events; provides community outreach, education & networking; publishes a bimonthly magazine of articles, conference reports, poetry & community events for and about lesbians of African American descent. For more info call 849-2819 or write: Ache, PO Box 6071, Albany, CA 94706.

30 Somethin' Group: Social/support group for professional African American lesbians, ages 30-39. Monthly events: mtgs, wkshops, potlucks, movies, etc. Clean & sober space. Meets 1st Tues of each month. Info: (510) 832-2638 or (510) 601-5904.

Black Female Couples With Children Support Group: See Parenting.

Asian Lesbian Potluck Brunch Group meets every 4th Sun, 10 am-noon, free. A support group for Asian lesbians 35 yrs & over. Info: (510) 482-0787 or (415) 255-7560.

Third World People with AIDS/ARC group spons by AIDS Project of the Eastbay. See AIDS Resources.

Asian/Pacific HIV-Positive Gay Men's support group offered by GAPA (Gay Asian Pacific Alliance), see AIDS Resources.

AIDS/HIV Info Group for Asian & Pacific Islander Men. Drop-in, free. See AIDS Resources for details. Spons by GAPA.

Gay Asian Rap Group in SF, spons by Gay Asian Pacific Alliance. Meets every other Wed, 7-9 pm. Info: 282-GAPA.

CASA: Community Alternative Social Assoc. A multiracial social & community service organization for gay latinos & friends. Mtgs held every 2nd Sat of each month at Dolores Street Community Center, 208 Delores St, SF. 5-7 pm. All are welcome! Call 552-6433 for more info.

CURAS (Community United in Response to AIDS/SIDA) provides services to the Latino community, see AIDS Resources.

Mujero, Bay Area Latina Lesbian Organization, holds gen'l mtgs the 3rd Sat of each month. All Latina lesbians are welcome. Info/location: 648-1291.

GELAAM: Gente Latina de Ambiente. A Latino/Latina lesbian, gay & bisexual organization that participates in the improvement of our community at a political, cultural, social & educational level. Gen'l mtgs every 2nd Sat of each month. Monthly newsletter, "Ambiente." For more info write to GELAAM, 2261 Market St, PO Box 300, SF 94114 or call 626-8318.

AGUILAS (Asamblea Gay Unida Impactando Latinos/as Superase). Group committed to advocating & developing activities in our community which encourage positive self identities, healthy relationships & leadership skills. Mtgs/potlucks held 1st Sat of each month. Call Juan 648-3702 for info/location.

Latin Lesbians of the Eastbay: Monthly mtgs just to socialize. Call Gloria (510) 530-3473 for info/location.

Chinese Lesbian Social Group: for info call 826-2455.

Chinese Gay Group meets for monthly potluck and/or varied activities. Also social group for singles. Info: 776-1892 or 397-9863.

Asian Pacifica Sisters (APS): an organization by and for Asian and/or Pacific Islander women who are lesbians or bisexuals. APS seeks each woman's own unique experience, whether of Pacific Islander, East Asian, Southeast Asian, South Asian, or mixed heritage. American-born or immigrant, multilingual or monolingual, physically challenged or able, all are welcome! Call Nancy 864-8812 for more information.

Lesbian, Gay, or Bisexual & Korean? Monthly mtgs, discussions, potlucks & special activities offered. Mtgs 1st Sun of each month, 1-3 pm, in SF. Info: Lori 563-8689. Mtgs conducted in English, with some bilingual participants.

Asian & Pacific Islander Gay/Bi Men's Support Group: meets Tues 6:30-8 pm at Pacific Ctr. Gay Asian men of all ages are welcome. Info/res: (510) 841-6224. 2712 Telegraph Ave at Derby, Berkeley.

Vietnamese Gay Men's Group: Share feelings, exchange information, give support. Monthly newsletter in English & Vietnamese. All Asians welcome. For details contact Brian Dang, 2200 Market St #95, SF 94114.

Black Gay & Bisexual Men's Support Group: Drop-in. Pacific Center, 2712 Telegraph, Berkeley. Wed 8-9:50 pm. Info: (510) 548-8283.

Gay/Asian Pacific Alliance (GAPA): group by & for gay men of Asian & Pacific Islander heritages. GAPA seeks to create a positive & visible presence for gay Asian/Pacifics in the SF Bay Area. Gen'l mtgs: every 2nd Sun of the month at MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. 6-8 pm. Also bimonthly newsletter "Lavender Godzilla", write to PO Box 421884, SF CA 94142-1884 to subscribe. Info: GAPA Hotline 282-GAPA.

Support Group for Asian/Pacific Islander gay, lesbian & bisexual young people, 21 & under, spons by Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services' LYFE (Lambda Youth & Family Empowerment) program. Call Donna 565-7681 for info.

African-American Men dealing with AIDS/ARC/HIV Support Group at SF AIDS Fdn, see AIDS Resources.

Bay Area HIV Support & Education Service (BAHSES) provides assistance to African American men who are HIV positive—see AIDS Resources. Group spons by Black & White Men Together & Men of All Colors Together.

African-American Women with Cancer: Support group meets every other Mon 6:30-8 pm at the Women's Cancer Resource Ctr, 3023 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 548-WCRC or (510) 548-9272 for more information.

Lesbians of Color sobriety support group at Iris Project, see Addiction Recovery.

Motorcycle Club for Black gay women. Info: 1724 Sacramento St, #6, SF 94109.

Artists of Color Open Mike Night at Ohama Cultural Ctr: Every 2nd & 4th Thurs of the month. 7 pm, $5. 4345 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Info: (510) 658-1868.

BAYBLAG (Bay Area Black Lesbians & Gays) support group for men & women of African American descent. Spons social & political functions, facilities outreach programs, etc. Info: Midgett 648-3658, Dewitt 641-7971.

Free Mental Health Services for Native Americans, see Therapy Groups for details.

Asian Lesbian Potluck Brunch group meets every 4th Sunday 10am-noon, free. A support group for Asian lesbians 35 yrs & over. For details call (510) 482-0787 or (510) 339-1314.

Transsexuals of Color: Open to FTMs & MTFs, pre- and post-ops. See Transgender Groups.

Theater Writing Class for lesbian, gay & bisexual young people of color. Ongoing, see Youth.

► PERFORMANCE ARTS

Mothertongue Feminist Theater Collective welcomes any woman with ideas to share & stories to tell—writing & performing experience not necessary. Info: (510) 848-5966.

Community Spirit Art Program (CSAP), a grassroots group centered in the gay & lesbian community. Presents art exhibitions, performances & public symposiums centering on the theme of art as a healing resource during the AIDS crisis. See AIDS Resources for details.

Community Women's Orchestra: amateur orchestra for women, spons by the Bay Area Women's Philharmonic. Wkly Tues night rehearsals. Orchestra gives 3 concerts each season in Dec, March & June. No audition required, but all musicians must have prior experience playing in an orchestra or other ensemble. String players are always welcome, wind players may join if there's an opening in their section. Conducted by Ann Krinitsky. Info: (510) 428-1350.

Bay Area Gay & Lesbian Ensemble welcomes instrumentalists of every type & ability for fun & creative musical experiences. Join a musically versatile group dedicated to the growth of our members & the community we serve. Rehearsals in the Eastbay. Info: (510) 638-7399.

Jon Sims Ctr for the Performing Arts: "multidiscipinary force for artistic freedom, cultural democracy, and community outreach". Presents music, dance & musical theatre performances, and educational programs. 1519 Mission St, SF. New members are always welcome. JSC is especially interested in making programs accessible to ethnic minorities and people of color. Call 621-5619 for mtg times & other info.

VOICES: Bay Area lesbian choral ensemble covers the musical map, performing everything from madrigals and contemporary music to blues & jazz. For more info or to be on mailing list call 773-9181.

Lesbian/Gay Chorus of SF invites you to join in making music & having fun. Ability to read music a plus, but not necessary. Rehearsal times & other info: Pat Parr 621-3088.

The Society of Gay & Lesbian Composers encourages the composition of music that conveys the attitudes, ideals & uniqueness of gay & lesbian cultures. Group sponsors 3 annual concerts, plus monthly business & social mtgs (usually in SF) where composers can meet & share their music & ideas. For info/location of next mtg call 681-8008. For brochure/membership application or other info write PO Box 14521, SF CA 94114.

Gay/Lesbian Chamber Music Circle: Meets monthly for dinner, informal performances by group members. Amateur musicians, all levels, welcome. Info: Michael (510) 525-6723, Bob (415) 863-8268.

Lesbian Chamber Music Group meets monthly for informal performance, reading & improvisation. Info: Lisa or Anne 621-0790.

Jazz Matriarchy: Networking organization for women jazz improvisers in the Bay Area. Call 647-9544 for more info.

STBS, a nonprofit tix agency operated by Performing Arts Services, sells full-price tix in adv & half-price tix day of show. Proceeds benefit Bay Area performing arts. Booth at Union Square, 251 Stockton (btwn Post & Geary) and at One Embarcadero Ctr (street level), SF. Info: 433-STBS.

GAWK (Gay Artists & Writers Kollective). Join rock musicians, singers, writers, cartoonists, comedians & others for eclectic, upbeat, fun socializing. Info: Jon Sugar 731-2424 or write (with SASE) 901 Stanyan St #14, SF 94117.

Artist Support Group: For all creative artists, including writers & musicians. Networking, plus discussions on careers & sexuality. Biwkly mtgs, SF location. Call Steve 756-8431.

T-ART Transgendered artists/writers network. See Transgender Groups.

Lesbian Visual Artists: A promotional & networking organization for lesbian visual artists. LVA follows an activist agenda, promoting visibility. Produces events, newsletter & exhibitions. For info call 821-2975 or write LVA, 3543 18th St #5, SF 94110.

Fat Lip Readers Theatre: political theatre collective of fat, fiesty & diverse women who strut their stuff on stage & video, and in wkshops. Submissions of poetry, prose, stories & analysis with a fat liberation perspective are welcome & respected. Info: PO Box 29963, Oakl 94604; (510) 655-7404.

Queer Guitar Players: Group of women & men of all styles & levels who get together for musical exchange & fun. Banjo players welcome. Info: Paul 826-0801.

Bay Area Raw Rahs: Collegiate-style cheerleading/precision dance exhibition group. Performs dance routines, human pyramids, gymnastic stunts & cheers at ballgames, parades & festivals. 2-hr Sunday practices. No experience necessary. Info: Michael (415) 474-5486 or Steve (510) 228-7497.

► POLITICAL

LABIA (Lesbians & Biwomyn in Action) group for lesbian & biwomyn interested in raising consciousness & visibility of lesbian & bisexual issues within & outside of the queer community, thru direct action & education. Multicultural group. Info: 985-7141.

United Colors of Queer Nation: direct action group for queers of color. See People of Color listings for more info.

Outrage! San Francisco. Direct Action. Call 985-7141 for more information.

QueerNET SF: A queer activist networking & educational group committed to the empowerment, expansion & celebration of queer culture in all of its diversity. QueerNET conducts special events & activities to promote queer culture thru outreach, education, art, visibility & consciousness-raising. Meets 1st & 3rd Sun of each month. Info: 985-7141.

Queer Nation East Bay works to promote lesbian, gay & bisexual visibility and acceptance throughout the East Bay. For meeting times/location and for upcoming actions, call (510) 464-3072.

Feminists for Animal Rights welcomes women in working to end all forms of exploitation against animals. For info re newsletter, meetings, events, t-shirt, etc, call (510) 644-1753.

Gay & Lesbian Alliance Defamation (GLAAD) works for fair & diverse coverage of lesbians, gays & bisexuals, and fights stereotypical portrayals in the print & electronic media. To report a defamation, call the hotlines: SF (415) 861-4588, EB (510) 273-9146, (SB) (408) 235-0229. Fax (415) 861-4893 or send photocopies or tapes to GLAAD, 514 Castro St, Ste B, SF 94114. New defamations discussed 1st Thurs of each month, 7 pm, 514 Castro St, SF.

BiPol: bisexual, lesbian & gay political action group of the SF Bay Area. Info: write BiPol, 584 Castro St #422, SF 94114 or call 775-1990.

Lesbian Uprising! A feminist political, educational & cultural group of Bay Area lesbians who envision a return to the radical ideals of the women's liberation movement; who recognize the deep connection between the personal & the political, and seek means to embody those connections in concrete ways. Group defends & empowers women by being visible, participating in street demos, etc. Group also meets twice monthly to discuss exciting feminist literature & theory. Interested? Call Gail 441-6238 or write PO Box 423555, SF CA 94142 for free copy of monthly newsletter/calendar.

War Tax Resistors Support Gathering: 2nd Sun of each month. Keep your money from funding oppression & destruction. Call 843-9877 for info. Eastbay & SF locations.

Berkeley Women in Black: We mourn Middle East violence & the Israeli occupation. We want negotiations now for a just & lasting peace. Join us: Vigil every Fri, noon-1 pm, at Telegraph & Haste, in front of Cody's Books. Info: Ruth 644-0480. All women welcome.

Veterans CARE (Veterans Council for American Rights & Equality) protests discrimination against lesbians & gays in the military, seeks to allow homosexuals to serve openly in the armed forces. For membership & other info write to Veterans CARE, PO Box 855, Nice, CA 95464-0855 or call Jack (707) 274-1303.

Lavender SIG (Special Interest Group: A national political & support network for fat lesbians, bisexuals and gays, and their allies. Part of NAAFA (Nat'l Assoc to Advance Fat Acceptance), a human rights organization. For info send SASE to Lavender SIG, PO Box 210074, SF 94121-0074.

Int'l Wages for Housework Campaign, Int'l Black Women for Wages for Housework, Wages Due Lesbians, and the US PROStitutes Collective: To connect with these groups, write PO Box 14512, SF 94114 or call 558-9628.

Pallas Athena Network: An open, supportive network for women veterans to discuss issues, experiences, thoughts & ideas with other women who share the common bond of military service. Bimonthly publication, *Pallas Athena*, provides articles of interest to women vets, including letters, fiction, creative work & resource information. All women veterans, regardless of race, creed, religion or sexual orientation, are welcome. A discreet supplement by/for lesbian vets is available. No govt or political affiliation, mailing list confidential. Write: Pallas Athena Network, PO Box 1171-T, New Market, VA 22844.

Jerry Brown for President Group in support of Brown's campaign "to take back the political process from private greed & corrupt politics." Call 202-1992 for more info.

NGLTF (Nat'l Gay & Lesbian Task Force): Local unit of nat'l lesbian/gay rights organization meets 2nd & 4th Wed of each month at 6:30 pm. Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. Info: (510) 653-2571.

WHAM!/Bay Area: Women's Health Action & Mobilization, a women's direct action group committed to promoting women's health, securing & defending women's right to control our own bodies & have access to free community controlled healthcare for all women. Meets alternate Mon, 7 pm, at New College, 777 Valencia St at 19th, SF. All women who believe healthcare is political are welcome. Call 985-7141.

► PROFESSIONAL GROUPS

Golden Gate Business Association (GGBA): comprised of gay & lesbian businesses, professionals, artisans & individuals throughout the Bay Area. Monthly networking events & more. For membership & event info call (415) 441-3651 or (800) 272-0278. Office Hrs: Mon-Fri 11 am-4 pm.

Brava! For Women in the Arts: multicultural organization of women artists who promote excellence among women in the arts thru professional presentation of established women artists, as well as providing services & assistance to emerging women artists. Info: 641-7657.

Federal Lesbians & Gays (FLAG) offers support, advice & activities for Federal employees. Mtg 2nd Wed of each month, 6 pm. SF location. Info: (510) 528-4427.

Pallas Athena Network: Open, supportive network for women veterans. Share issues, experiences & thoughts with other women who share the bond of military service. All women vets welcome, regardless of sexual orientation. Group publishes newsletter, with discreet lesbian supplement. No govt or political affiliation, mailing list confidential. Contact: Pallas Athena Network, PO Box 1171-T, New Market, VA 22844.

G/LOV: Gay/Lesbian Organization of Videomakers: Monthly meetings for people involved in all aspects of video & film production. Info: Nikos Diaman 775-6143.

Chevron Lesbian & Gay Employees Association: Call 928-7318 for meeting times & other information.

Women's Business Network (WBN) provides practical support for women in business & women changing careers. Educational networking events, monthly newsletter, low-interest loans for women in business and women changing careers. Info/complimentary newsletter: WBN (510) 482-8583.

Queer Women's Art Support/Network Group: For musicians, writers, visual artists, pagans, etc. Must be serious & commited to your art. Wild women welcome! Donation requested, no one turned away for lack of funds. Info: (510) 533-2648.

Gays & Lesbians in Planning: Social group for men & women in city planning & related professions. Bi-monthly potluck dinners, short programs & social events. Info: 626-5750.

► SENIORS

Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders) offers various groups (writing, outings, discussion, etc) of interest to lesbians & gay men. For info on groups offered call 626-7000.

Senior Information Line:—see Hotlines & Referrals.

St Francis of Assisi Community invites all seniors age 60 & over to share a nutritious free lunch, Mon-Sun at noon. $1.25 suggested donation. Group also offers full, free activities program for seniors, including craft classes, day trips, bingo, exercise classes, health education & health screenings. For meal reservations or copy of activities calendar call 861-5790, 9 am-noon. 145 Guerrero St, SF.

► SOCIAL GROUPS

Girth & Mirth Club of SF meets every Sat. Chubbies meet chasers meet chubbies. For info write: 176-B Page St, SF 94102 or call 24-hr message hotline: 552-1143.

Men's Associated Exchange (MAX) is the largest & most active social group for gay men in the Bay Area, sponsoring over 150 events a year, ranging from community service to sports to educational programs. Info: MAX, 564 Mission St #127, SF 94105.

UCGALA (Univ of Calif Gay & Lesbian Alumni Assoc). Open to graduates and anyone else who is a friend of the University. Annual membership: $20. For info & to get on mailing list (confidentiality assured), call 267-3150. Monthly social & cultural events.

Cal Poly GALA (Gay & Lesbian Alumni Assoc) provides social & cultural support for lesbian, gay & bisexual students, curricula & activites; and serves the needs alumni & future alumni. Absolute confidentiality assurred. Info: (408) 245-7179.

Fremont Men Social Group: Potlucks, dinners, hikes, etc; in the Fremont area. For newsletter or other info call (510) 790-0267.

Berkeley Flats Dykes (BFD) meets the last Sun of each month for potluck brunch. Call (510) 644-3302 or (510) 841-6032 for info/location.

Lake Merritt Neighborhood Potluck for lesbians & gays living in the Lake Merritt, Oakland area. Monthly get-togethers, come meet your neighbors! Info: (510) 832-6510.

Tri-City Area Lesbians: (Fremont, Union City, & Newark). Meet your neighbors for informal dinners, socials,

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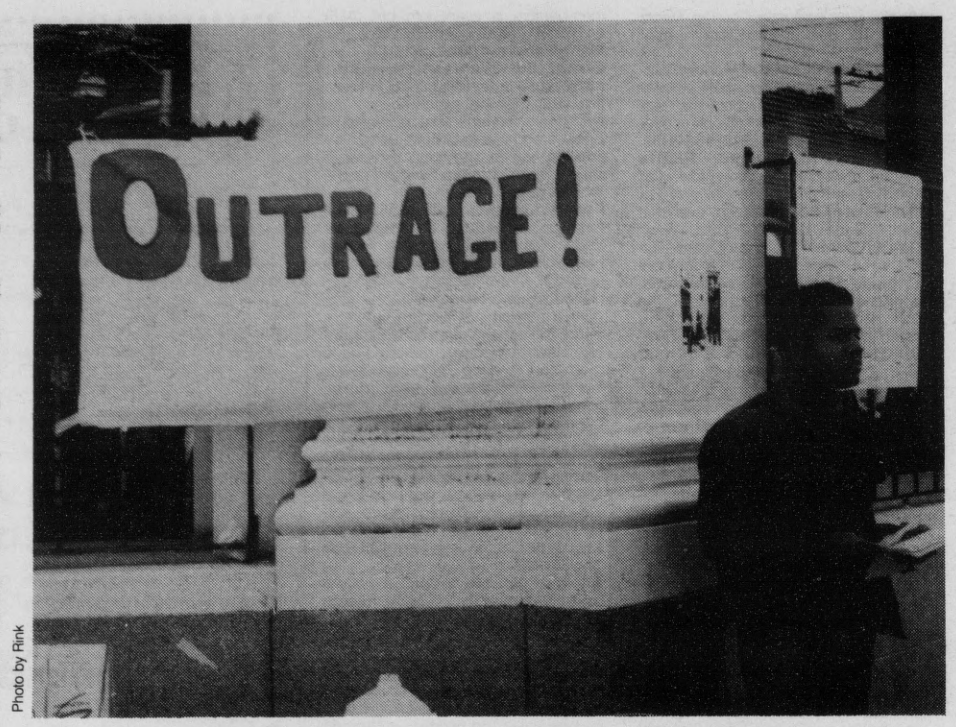
Eastbay Lesbian Couples Social Group: Meet new couples for potlucks, movies, games, walks, or other mutual interests. Info: (510) 486-0615 or (510) 655-8542.
Albany Dykes: Join your neighbors for potluck Sun brunch! Info/location: Barbara (510) 528-9026 or Judy (510) 525-6866.
Napa Valley Women's Network meets 1st Fri eve of each month for socializing, card parties, potlucks, etc. For more info call (707) 944-8081.
Solano Lambda Men's Assoc: Offers alternative events for gay men. Rap group, social activities, etc. Meets 2nd & 4th Tues of each month in Vacaville, call (707) 448-1010 for info/location.
Couples/SF Bay Area Group provides social, educational & humanitarian forum for gay & lesbian couples. For more info/events calendar, call Sam & Ted 929-8402 or Suzanne & Deborah 355-7710.
Women ,Over 50 Social Group meets every 3rd Sun from 3-5 pm, in Los Gatos. Other events arranged. Info: (408) 354-4397 or (415) 558-8366.
Soul Ventures social group for the Bay Area HIV + /PWA community, see AIDS Resources for details.
Die naechsten Potluckparty des Deutschen Freundschaftskreises erfolgt am dritten Freitag des Monats. Alle, die Deutsch sprechen oder Interesse haben sind herzlich Willkommen. Fuer weitere Infos bitte Don unter 329-1438 anrufen.
Russian-speaking potluck social: 2nd Fri of every month. All ability levels welcome, from native to beginner. Info/location: Don 329-1438.
Language Practice/Social Group for people of color; see People of Color.
Asian Lesbian Potluck Brunch Group, see People of Color.
Bridging the Gap Alliance: Social/political group of deaf, hard of hearing and hearing lesbians. Meets monthly (mtgs in ASL). New signers are welcome! Info: write BGA, PO Box 5669, Berkeley, CA 94705.
Eurofemme: European-born women's social group. Lesbians, feminists, artists, politicos, glam, butch—all welcome. Info: Nicola 621-5443.
East Bay Network: Club for gay community socializing. Anytime, on-line 24 hrs. Computer & modem required. Call (510) 827-0470. Modem (510) 827-3894.

► SPIRITUALITY

Shabbat Services with Sha'ar Zahav, Jewish lesbian/gay congregation. Every Fri at 8:15 pm & last Saturday of each month, 10:30 am. 220 Danvers (upper Market), SF. 861-6932.
Temple Israel of Alameda: A caring & inclusive congregation, everyone is welcome. Fri services at 8 pm. Family Service 1st Fri of the month at 7:30 pm. 1st & 3rd Sat of month: 10 am study, 11 am Minyan. 3183 Mecartney Rd, Alameda. Info: (510) 522-9355.
Jewish Lesbians & Bisexuals & friends meet to celebrate Shabbat, 1st Fri of each month, SF & EB locations. Join us for song, food & Jewish culture—no experience necessary! Jewish women of color and Sephardic women especially welcome. Info: 647-7209.
Eastbay Feminist Minyan: Semi-traditional havura, first Sat of each month at 10 am. Services followed by vegetarian potluck. Women, men, gay, straight, bi welcome. Call 845-9711 for details.
Gay Buddhist Fraternity: Gay male Buddhist organization meets on the 2nd & 4th Sun of every month for meditation & for understanding, discussion & support of the study & practice of all forms of Buddhism. Beginners as well as experienced Dharma practitioners are welcome! For info write: The Gay Buddhist Fraternity, PO Box 1788, Sausalito, CA 94966. Please include your phone number.
Sunday's Women gather to explore the Goddess Movement, network with other spiritual women. Guest speakers. 3rd Sun of each month, Montclair Women's Club, 1650 Mountain Blvd, Oakl. $7-10 donation. Spons by Women's Spirituality Forum. Call the Goddess Hotline, (510) 444-7724, for info on current & upcoming events.
Crossroads: Wkly women's ritual & drumming circle with pagan/political focus. Artwork, trance, journeys, singing, music, etc. Previous magical experience preferred. Wed eve mtgs at the Crossroads in Berkeley. Info: (510) (510) 763-5999.
Women's Circle Network: If you are in a women's circle & would like to connect with a community of women's circles contact Emerald at 2124 Kittredge #11, Berkeley 94704. Call (510) 652-6355.
Spiritual Company, a non-sectarian meditation & discussion group meets twice monthly to share the peace, strength, hope & love that our chosen paths have brought us. Call 647-9609 or write 95 Corwin St #2, SF 94114.
St Marks Lutheran Church Communion: Sun, 9 & 11 am, 1111 O'Farrell at Gough, SF. Info: 928-7770.
Gay Men's Radical Faery Circle comes together every Thurs night at 8 pm. Bring instruments & energy! Info/location: 626-3369.
Gay Spirit Drumming Circle meets at 194 Church Street, SF for a celebration with dancing, drumming & meditation. Info: Bob 456-1108.
St Paul's Lutheran Church: worship & Eucharist, Sun, 10 am. 1658 Excelsior Ave, Oakl (just off I-580). Info: 530-6333.
Lutheran Lesbian & Gay Ministry: Voice & Vision—ministry of advocacy, affirmation & spiritual care. Programs include individual & couples counseling, holy unions, support groups, a ritual group for lesbians, workshops & more. Info: Jeff, Ruth or Phyllis at 553-4026.
Creating Our Sacred Space: monthly spirituality gathering for lesbians exploring feminist spiritual perspectives which honor women's bodies & experiences. Spons by Voice & Vision: Lutheran Lesbian & Gay Ministry. Info: Phyllis or Ruth 553-4026.
Acceptance: Baptist Bible Study & support group meets Wednesdays, 7:30 pm. Location varies. Everyone is welcome. For info: 843-9705, 626-5034.
American Baptists Concerned: a supportive community of gay/lesbian Baptists & friends. Meets at 5 pm the first Sun of each month for fellowship and a potluck. Everyone is welcome! Also publishes quarterly newsletter, *Voice of the Turtle*. To join mailing list send $10 to ABC, 872 Erie St, Oakl 94610. For mtg & group info: (510) 465-8652.
Lakeshore Avenue Baptist Church (American Baptist) is an inclusive church welcoming & affirming gay men & lesbians. Worship 10 am Sun at 3534 Lakeshore Ave & Mandana, Oakland. Gay/lesbian group, American Baptists Concerned, meets the first Sun of each month. For more info call (510) 893-2484.
Bethany United Methodist Church: Caring & inclusive congregation, every person is welcome. Church reaches out to the lesbian & gay community. Sun worship at 11 am. 1268 Sanchez St at Clipper, SF. Info: 647-8393.
Montclair Presbyterian Church welcomes gay & lesbian people to worship & join in the church's many social justice & support programs. Worship service uses inclusive language. 10 am worship, 10 am church school & nursery for children. 5101 Thornhill Drive, Oakl. Info: Rev Chuck McClain or Rev Cindy Crowner, (510) 339-1131.
Seventh Ave Presbyterian Church: Inclusive community; gay, lesbian & straight, all ages. Come join, you're welcome! Sun worship at 10:30 am. 1329 7th Ave, SF. info: 664-2543.
St John's Presbyterian Church: An inclusive "More Light" congregation in south Berkeley, nr the University campus, welcomes & affirms gay men & lesbians. Services 10 am Sun at 2727 College Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 845-6830.
Lutherans Concerned/SF: for lesbian & gay Lutherans, their friends & families. Meets 1st Sun of each month, St Francis Lutheran Church, 152 Church St nr Market, SF. 5:30 pm. All welcome. Info: 956-2069.
Christian Women's Support Group meets 4th Sat of each month. Inclusive language eucharist, potluck, fellowship. Info: Kris Wagner 534-5546, Bonita Palmer 647-8390.
Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) of SF: Sun worship services: 9 am, 11 am & 7 pm. AIDS ministry (see AIDS Resources), women's & men's groups, children's programming & educational series. Rev Jim Mitulski, pastor. 150 Eureka St, SF. Info: 863-4434.
Golden Gate MCC Sun worship services: 12:45 & 7 pm; 11 am bible study. 1600 Clay St, SF. Rev Buddy Trulock, pastor. Lesbian & gay Christians welcome all to enjoy nourishing worship & fellowship of Jesus Christ. Info: 567-9080.
New Life MCC Sun worship service: 1823 9th St at Hearst, Berkeley. 12:30 pm. SIGN. WA. Info: (510) 843-9355.
MCC of San Lorenzo meets at Christ Lutheran Church, 100 Hacienda St at Hathaway, San Lorenzo. Services Sun at 6 pm. Interim pastor: Rev Michael England. Info: (510) 481-9720.
Diablo Valley MCC Sun worship service, 10 am, 2253 Concord Blvd, Concord. Wed worship, 7 pm, followed by lay ministry courses at 8:15 pm. Info: (510) 827-2960.
MCC Santa Rosa meets 11 am at 3632 Airway Dr, Santa Rosa. All lifestyles welcome! Pastor Jl Torres. Info: (707) 526-HOPE.
Russian River MCC Sun worship service: Noon, 14520 Armstrong Woods Rd, Guerneville. Info: Rev Linda Laster (707) 869-0552.
Evangelicals Concerned-SF: Local chapter of a national organization. EC-SF is a Bible/Christ-centered ecumenical (non-denominational) fellowship & prayer support group for lesbians, gays & non-gay Christians. Group believes that sexual orientation is a gift from God, and seeks to support gay & lesbian persons in the integration of their sexuality & their spirituality. Group spons bible study, healing prayer group, annual retreat & monthly social activities. For info write: EC-SF, PO Box 14052, SF 94114-0052.
Freedom in Christ Evangelical Church: Group of evangelical Christian gays who have banded together in a local Bible-believing church where Jesus Christ is Lord. All are welcome. Service: Sun 11 am at Jon Sims Center, 1519 Mission St, SF. Tues at 7:30 pm study in classical Christianity at Dolores Street Baptist Church, 15th & Dolores, SF. Info: 647-0184.
Showers of Blessing Full Gospel Cathedral: A pentecostal church for gays & lesbians. 2 pm Sun mtgs. For info/location: Bishop Tony R. White 771-5872.
Hosanna Church of Praise, a Christian church w/a special ministry to the gay & lesbian community. Emphasis on healing ministry, gifts of the Holy Spirit. Support of gay/lesbian causes. 10 am. First United Methodist Church Chapel, 24 N 5th St, downtown San Jose. Info: Rev. F. Randall Hill, (408)293-2437.
Prince of Peace Community Church of San Jose meets 10:30 am at DeFrank Community Ctr, 175 Stockton Ave, San Jose. Emphasis on love, caring & concern for gay/lesbians. Rev Bob Wheatley, pastor; Rev Barbara Martzall, assistant pastor. Info: (408) 298-3548.
Agape Full Gospel Fellowship: Group for lesbian & gay charismatics/pentecostals, promoting spiritual, mental, physical, social & spiritual wholeness. Meetings: Bible Study Thurs at 7:30 pm, Sunday services at 6:30 pm. Info/location: Pastor Mike Arbuckle 921-3207 or write PO Box 192446, SF 94119-2446.
St Michael's Ecumenical Catholic Church: Pro-gay, independent denomination. Sun services at 10 am, 21956 Russian River Ave, Villa Grande. Info: Bishop Mark Shirilau (707) 865-0119.
Open Arms Community Church meets Sun at 7 pm at Faith Lutheran Church, 4930 Newanga. A non-denominational Christian Church for all lifestyles. Rev John Torres, pastor. Info: (707) 526-2133.
Trinity Episcopal Church: traditional liturgy with liberal theology. Inclusive urban parish. Sunday Choral Eucharist, 11 am. 1668 Bush St nr Gough, SF. Rev Robert Cromey, rector. Info: 775-1117.
Integrity SBA: Gay & lesbian Episcopalians & friends, local chapter of an international organization, co-spons lively discussions every Thurs eves, 7-9:30 pm at the Parsonage, 555A Castro St, SF. Info: 552-2909.
Women-in-Integrity: Women's focus Eucharist with potluck supper & socializing following service. Join us for fellowship, singing & a meal. Third Sun of each month at 5:30 pm, St John's Church, 1661 15th St, SF. Integrity is a lesbian & gay affirming community of Episcopalians & friends. Info: 553-5270.



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John Woods, planning "Day of Empowerment," by I.R.A.T.E.—self defense class on Castro Street. If you want to get involved, call 985-7141.

The Parsonage, an Episcopalian ministry at 555 A Castro St, SF, advocates justice for lesbian/gay people, and witnesses to the godliness of gay/lesbian love. Together with Integrity, the assoc of gay/lesbian Episcopalians, the group sponsors programs every Thurs eve at 7 pm. Call 552-2909 for program details, further info.
Integrity/El Camino Real: Episcopal gay & lesbian ministry meets at churches from Palo Alto to Monterey on the 3rd Sun of each month. 5:30 pm service, potluck at 6:15 pm, program & discussion at 7 pm. Jim: (415) 493-1253 or Russ (408) 294-2026.
Affirmation: Gay & lesbian Mormons. Social/support group for Latter-Day Saints, their families & friends. Wkly mtgs. Sun at 5:30 pm, MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Info: 641-4554.
Unitarian Universalists for Lesbian & Gay Concerns of the First Unitarian Church of SF (UULGC/SF) meets 2nd Sun of every month at 12:15 pm, First Unitarian Church, 1187 Franklin St, SF. Spons variety of events & social functions for lesbians, gay men, bisexuals & friends. The Unitarian Universalist Church provides union services for lesbian & gay partners, has a significant number of openly gay clergy & a long history of support for lesbian/gay individuals & groups.
Dignity/SF: Faith community of lesbian, gay & bisexual Roman Catholics, and friends. Inclusive-language Mass every Sun at 5:30 pm at Dolores Street Church, 208 Dolores St at 15th, SF. Call 255-9244 for more info.
Most Holy Redeemer Roman Catholic Church, 100 Diamond St, SF. Mass: 5 pm Sat, 7 & 10 am Sun, wkdays at 8 am. Info: 863-6259.
GALOC (Gay & Lesbian Outreach Committee) of Most Holy Redeemer Church welcomes lesbians & gay men to MHR parish. Come join us! For info: 863-6259.
Avatar Meher Baba: gay & lesbian followers present meetings, discussion groups, social events. Info: Larry 441-7008.
Peace United Church: All gay, lesbian & straight people, singles & families, are welcome. Two lesbian ministers. Politically aware, justice-oriented, creative community, sensitive to each individual. Childcare provided. Wheelchair Accessible. 5 pm Sun service. 424 Monte Vista near Piedmont Ave, Oakland. Call (510) 486-0625 for more info.
GLAD Alliance (Gays, Lesbians & Affirming Disciples) of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) meets the 3rd Sun of each month, 4-7 pm at University Christian Church, 2401 LeConte Ave, Berkeley. Info: Bill (510) 644-1823 or (510) 652-6036.
The Church of Amron, a metaphysical ministry, holds solstice services, healing circles, classes on yoga, metaphysics, channeling, ritual, affirmations, shaman drumming, & much more. 2254 Van Ness Ave at Vallejo, SF. For info call 775-0227.
First Congregational Church, United Church of Christ. Post & Mason Sts, SF. An open & affirming church that began ordaining gays in 1972. Services: 9 & 11 am, adult education at 9:45 am. Outstanding music program. Close to public transit, parking at Sutter/Stockton garage. Info: 392-7461.
World Peace/Inner Peace: Intro talks on the transcendental meditation program. Wed 8 pm at 347 Dolores St, SF. Room 231. Free. Also group meditations for practitioners, Wed at 5:30 pm.
Tayu Center, a Fourth Way spiritual school directed by Robert Daniel Ennis, a modern spiritual adept. Study group meets every Tues eve at 8 pm, at Hartford Street Zen Center, 57 Hartford St, SF. Includes co-meditation (2-person), reading & discussion of Fourth Way material. Info: (707) 829-9579.
Emergel, healing journal of Emergence, Int'l, an organization of Christian Scientists supporting lesbians & gay men. For subs/info: PO Box 581, Kentfield, CA 94914 or call 485-1881.
First Church of Religious Science of Oakland's lesbian & gay family meets monthly to celebrate "our powerful lifestyle & consciousness and to expand our understanding of the practical techniques and the empowering teachings of our philosophy... free of dogma or judgements." Info: Robert 832-7120.
Gay Religious Science Practitioner in final stage of formal training offers free scientific mind treatments in loving & non-dogmatic context. Call Robert Lokahi 832-7120.
Golden Gate Institute of Religious Science: An educational outreach ministry of the Independent Church of Religious Science, serving the gay & lesbian community. Classes & credentials offered. Write Rev Jon Lindsay, 36250 Easterday Way, Fremont CA 94536 for more info.
Spiritual Arts Church of Religious Science: Sun, 5 pm at Notre Dame Plaza, 347 Delores St, SF. Room 201. CC available during services. Office Hrs: Mon, Wed & Fri, 9 am-noon at 347 Dolores St, SF. Room 213. Info: 255-8460.
California Miracles Ctr: Well-established course in Miracles ministry in the Upper Market/Castro neighborhood. Sun morning service at 11 am. Principles of Healing Study Group meets every Sun morning at 9:30 am. Classes in ACIM meet at various times throughout the week, with two outreach classes now meeting in Oakland. 2269 Market St, SF. Info: 621-2556.
Marin Course in Miracles Group meets Tues 7-9:30 pm to discuss how the Course works in our lives. For location & other info call Bob 456-1108.
Gay Clergy Support Group for professed clergy. Socialize & network/exchange with other gay religious & clergy who believe in their unique calling as gays in the Church. Info: 584-1034.

► SPORTS

Berkeley & Eastbay Athletes interested in becoming involved with the group coordinating the Eastbay's effort for the 1994 Gay Games in New York: Contact Chris (510) 654-9719 for details.
SF Frontrunners Social running & walking club for lesbians, gays & bisexuals, & their friends. All levels welcome. Regular wkly runs: Sat 9 am, Stow Lake Boathouse, Golden Gate Park; 1 mi. walk or 1-5 mi. runs, no-host brunch follows; Tues 6:30 pm, Ferry Bldg (under clock tower), up to 5 mi. flat run along Embarcadero; Thurs 6:30 pm, McLaren Lodge, Golden Gate Park, 3.5 mi. run; Sun 9 am, variable location runs. Info: Mike 206-9312.
Eastbay Frontrunners Club sponsors noncompetitive runs in various Eastbay locations. Runs begin at 9:30 am, and are followed by brunch. Info: Roz (510) 939-3579 or Greg (510) 865-6792.
Baylands Frontrunners: For Peninsula & Southbay runners & walkers. Men & women welcome. Meets every Sat at 9 am, at the Baylands Athletic Center, Geng Road, off Embarcadero, east of 101, Palo Alto. Info: Linda (408) 245-5083 or Jay (415) 858-2800.
SF Hiking Club: join us for day trips, backpacking & social activities. See calendar listing for this month's schedule. For more info write: SF Hiking Club, PO Box 14065, SF 94114 or call 285-1260 eves.
Different Spokes/SF: Bicycling group for Bay Area gays & lesbians interested in non-competitive cycling, both on road bikes & mountain bikes. Several trips each month, plus regular 40-mile ride each Sun at 10 am, leaving from McLaren Lodge, Golden Gate Park, SF. For schedule/newsletter call 282-1647 or write PO Box 14711, SF CA 94114.
Marin Hike & Bike Club for Gay & Bi Men: Enjoy the company of other athletic guys in a positive, non-toxic outdoor environment. Informal club gathers for hikes, bike rides, camping trips. No membership fees. For info send SASE to PO Box 511 Forest Knolls, CA 94933 or call 488-0156.
Gay/Lesbian Sierrans: escape the madness of the city, explore & appreciate the beautiful outdoors. GLS presents 1-3 hikes each week; plus monthly program on 3rd Tues of each month, 7:30 pm, Nat'l Sierra Club, Polk St at Ellis, SF. For SIGN, call TDD 776-8107. For info & free sample newsletter: 653-5012 (24-hrs).
Gay/Lesbian Sierrans Loma Prieta (Southbay) Chapter: 2448 Watson Court, Palo Alto, 94303. Call (408) 229-1234 for info.
Wilderness Women explore the great outdoors. Hikes, nature study, camping, ski trips & more. All adventures shared with friendly women. $5/yr. Calendar/newsletter. Write 5329 Manila Ave, Oakl, 94618. Info: (510) 658-2196.
SAGA North: Gay & Lesbian Alpine Ski Club. Ski trips & social activities. Call 995-2772.
Golden Gate Wrestling Club holds Olympic Freestyle Wrestling practices twice weekly. All weights, skill levels & ages welcome. Large facility, accessible to public transit. Info: Gene 821-2991.
SF Wrestling Club: all forms & wrestling styles; all ages, weights & experience levels welcome. Call (510) 538-8490 or (415) 821-9721 for details.
Motorcycle Club for Black gay women. For info write: 1724 Sacramento St #6, SF 94109.
Dyke Diver offers a newsletter for dykes who scuba dive. Send SASE to Dyke Diver, PO Box 460096, SF CA 94146 for info/details.
Sea Snakes Northern Calif Gay & Lesbian Diving Club. North coast dives, certification classes, social events & warm water dives. For info send SASE to Sea Snakes, 291 Geary St, Ste 619A, SF, 94102-1863 or call 431-1340.
SF Tsunami: Gay & Lesbian Masters Swim Team. All ability levels welcome to attend 4 weekly coached workouts. Sun 10-11:45 am at King Pool, 3rd & Carroll, SF. Mon 7:30-9 pm, Wed 6:15-7:30 pm and Thurs 6:15-8 pm at Hamilton Pool, Geary & Steiner, SF. For info call Marta 241-9632 or Ken 621-2778.
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Premier Soccer: Premier lesbian players interested in playing hard & pretty, call 835-1095.
Women's Soccer Team: Has members on both sides of the Bay, more members are welcome! Lesbians & friends encouraged to join. Call SF: (415) 641-8771 or EB: (510) 547-3675.
Women's Soccer Team welcomes experienced players. Info: Linda (510) 540-7540.
Men's Touch Football Group meets Sat mornings at 10 am in Golden Gate Park, SF. All ages & skill levels are welcome! If you played in high school & miss it, or if you never touched a football before but thought it might be fun to "play with the guys," call John 252-9769 for details.
SF Women's FLAG Football League: Games at Golden Gate Park Polo Field, Sun 9:30 am-3 pm. Info: 584-6496.
Stonewall Climbers: Gay & lesbian rockclimbing group. To join us on one of our trips, call 327-5329 or 648-3059.
Gay Tennis Federation: A lesbian & gay tennis club. All playing levels

welcome. Write: GTF, 2215-R, Market St #109, SF CA 94114 or call 550-1820.
SF Women's Judo Club: Open to all women 12 yrs of age & older. Come & observe classes. Schedule: Tues & Thurs 6-8 pm, Sat 11 am-1 pm. 1622 Castro & 26th St, SF. Info: 821-0303 BEFORE 10 pm.
Ronin Dojo Karate School for Women offers instruction in Keno Karate, with emphasis on self-defense by experienced black belt women. Beginners welcome. Info: 695-0735.
Eastbay Lesbian Bowlers: All skill levels welcome. Call (510) 653-4135 for info.
BICEPS (Bodybuilders Into Competition, Education & Physique). Steroid-free bodybuilding for men & women. All levels & ages welcome. For upcoming events info call 267-1864 or write PO Box 410053 SF 94141.
Eureka Valley Rec Ctr in the Castro offers free adult programs for everyone: Mon—women's basketball, square dance. Tues—badminton, wrestling club, folk dance. Wed—women's night! Basketball, volleyball, square dance. Thurs—free-play basketball. Sat—men's volleyball, Sun—men's volleyball & men's basketball. For time, to donate exercise equipment, or for other info call 554-9528.
Lesbian & Gay Frisbee Team: Meets Sat 11 am-1 pm in Golden Gate Park, SF. Beginners welcome! Call Claire Siverson 285-0936 or Walter Parsley 824-6558 for location & other info.
Outdoor Activities Group: Meet for biking,hiking, camping, boating, etc. Dogs welcome! Info/details: Jo Ann 986-4507.

► SUPPORT GROUPS

Loss, Grief & Recovery support group for individuals grieving a death. Learn about normal grief, coping with feelings, caring for yourself, giving & receiving support, rearranging your life, exploring future options. Spons by Hospice by the Bay. Free. 1550 Sutter St (nr Octavia), SF. Info: 673-2020.
Losing A Best Friend: free pet loss support group spons by the SF SPCA for people who have lost an animal companion. Led by Dr Betty Carmack, the group helps pet owners work thru feelings of loss, anger & depression. 7:30-9 pm, 1st Mon of each month at the SF SPCA, 2500 16th St, SF. Info/res: 554-3000.
Overcoming Violent Behavior Anonymous: SF group, see Incest & Battery.
Women's Cancer Support Groups: spons by Women's Cancer Resource Ctr, see Health.
Lesbian Adoptees: open group discussing issues around search, reunion, depression, anger, abandonment, identity, etc. Meets every other Sun in SF. Info: Amy 923-1454.
Adoptees, Birth Parents & Adoptive Parents support groups meet throughout the Bay Area. For info/locations: Post Adoption Center for Education & Research (PACER) 935-6622.
Woman to Woman SM: Join the Outcasts, an educational, support & social group for lesbian, bisexual & transsexual women interested in SM with other women. Info/membership: write POB 31266, SF CA 94131-0266.
WSSM (Women Supporting SM) meets in Sonoma County the 1st Sun of each month. Call M for location: (707) 525-9833.
Leatherdykes Support/Discussion/Social Group meets 2nd Thurs of each month, 2 pm. A group of lesbian-identified lesbians into s/m & leather; positive & responsible about sexuality. Group practices safe & consensual s/m sex. For lesbians only. Info: (510) 654-1591 Eastbay.
Palo Alto Lesbian Rap Group: discussion group for all lesbians. Meet Thurs 7:30 pm at the Palo Alto YWCA, 4161 Alma (just north of San Antonio), Palo Alto. Different topics each week, see Main Calendar for details. Info: Marilyn 969-1260.
Lesbian El Support Group: East Bay Environmental Illness support group. Info: Mickey (510) 843-2649, Naja (510) 548-1549, Randa (415) 648-9481.
Lesbian feminist artist support group for lesbians with chronic illness. Meets once or twice a month in SF/Eastbay for discussion, critique, inspiration & support for doing our art despite the limits of our illness. Access to womyn with El a priority. Both chairs & bed available at mtg. 20 stairs to mtg place. No SIGN/ASL interpreter. Info: Naja (510) 548-1549 or Mickey (510) 843-2649.
Graves' Disease (hyperthyroid) Support Groups in SF & the East Bay: Call Susan (510) 540-8640 for info. In Santa Cruz, call Deborah (408) 479-0559.
Women with Chronic Illnesses, disabilities, pain & hidden disabilities support group: Leaderless & egalitarian, emphasis on honesty, humor, listening. Share resources, problems, challenges, fears with others who understand. Mtg every other Wed in SF. Free. Call Leigh 285-8535 or Alexon 431-4568.
UC Berkeley Gay & Lesbian Alumni Assoc: see Social Groups
Stanford Gay & Lesbian Alumni Assoc: see Social Groups.
Support Group for Women who want to leave the sex industry meets Tues 4-5:30 pm. Drop-in center open Tues noon-4 pm. 942 Market St #307. Spons by Women Emerging. Info: 982-3365.
Women's Coming Out Group: open to women of all ages, drop-in. Choose topics, make friends. 6 pm Wed at Pacific Ctr (newcomers come at 5:45 pm to meet facilitator). 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: 841-6224.
Slightly Older Lesbian Support Group for lesbians over 30. Rap group meets 7:30 pm Thurs at Pacific Ctr, 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Long-running group. Info: 841-6224 or 548-8283 (leave message for SOL).
Leaderless Support Group for women who are thirtyish: Monday nights in SF. Call Linda 863-4605 (eves) for details.
MidLife Lesbian Support Group meets Mon 6-8 pm in SF. Low-cost, SL fee. Spons by Options for Women Over Forty. Info: 431-6405.
Lesbian Midlife Support Group meets monthly on Sun in SF. Free. Discussion followed by social hour. Also special activities. Call 647-0413 for info/location.
Support Group for Battered Lesbians, spons by WOMAN, Inc—see Incest & Battery.
Lesbian MidLife Support Group meets once a month on Sun night, free. Discuss menopause, self-image, health issues, older workers, body image, new lifestyles & financial planning. Info/location: 647-0413.
Men's Support Group for straight men whose wives/lovers are coming out. Marin location. Free. Call Jon Seirup, PhD 898-1468 for info.
Spouses of Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual Persons Support Group meets 4th Tues of each month at St John's Presbyterian Church, College Ave at Garber, Berkeley. 7:30 pm. Info: Amity Buxton (510) 525-0200.
For More Listings in the support group category, see *SF Bay Times'* classifieds in the "Open Exchange" therapy/support group section, under **"relationship therapy", "recovery addiction", "incest/battery therapy" and "discussion/consultation groups".**.

► THERAPY GROUPS

Women's Institute for Mental Health: low-fee individual, couples & grou therapy. SL starts at $15. Groups for women abused as children. Info: 864-2364. 333 Valencia St, SF, Ste 222.
Disabled Lesbian Group for women with physical disabilities, hidden disabilities, chronic illness & chronic pain. Wed & Thurs at Operation Concern. WA, SL. Info: 626-7000 voice/tty.
Gay Men's Disabled Group: are you a gay man with a physical/hidden disability? Isolated & in need of support/therapy? Call 626-7000 v/tty. Group held at Operation Concern, 1853 Market St, SF.
Grief Group for those who have lost a loved one thru suicide. Deal with feelings of anger, confusion, guilt. Find strength, support. Meets wkly for 8 wks, lic therapist facilitates. Spons by SF Suicide Prevention. Info: 752-4866.
McAuley Neuropsychiatric Institute at St Mary's Hospital & Med Ctr in SF offers a number of psychotherapy groups (eating disorders, incest survivors, single parents, women, etc) for individuals & couples. Wkly mtgs, SL fee. For info or to register: Helga Justman, LCSW 750-5603.
Berkeley Free Clinic peer counseling collective provides counseling for individuals & couples, also provides mediations. Info: (510) 548-2570.
Men—Have You Abused Your Lover? Feeling ashamed, afraid or angry about having been violent with the man you love most? MOVE offers help for gay & bisexual men who batter. See Incest & Battery section for details.
Lesbian Counseling Group offered by Family Service Agency of San Mateo: Focus on helping lesbians explore life issues in a safe, supportive setting. Meets Mon 6-7:30 pm at the agency offices, 1870 El Camino Real, Burlingame. Info/reg: 692-0555.
12-Wk Process Groups for Gay Men. Explore issues of intimacy, trust & communication. Spons by Operation Concern. Call Jill 626-7000.
For Additional Listings in the **Therapy** category see *Bay Times'* classifieds section, "Open Exchange", under the **"counseling", "relationship", "recovery addiction"** and **"incest/battery"** therapy headings.

► TRANSGENDER GROUPS

Transvestites & Transsexuals rap group (women & men): 1st and 3rd Wed and last Fri monthly, 8 pm, Pacific Ctr, Berkeley. Info: 841-6224.
TV/TS & Friends Transgender Group meets 8 pm, last Thurs of each month. SF location. Info: (510) 549-2665 or write ETVC, PO Box 426486, SF CA 94142. We're very active & friendly folks, call us!
Female-to-Male Crossdressers & Transsexuals Only Group. Newsletter & quarterly get-togethers. Info: FTM, 5337 College Ave #142, Oakl, CA 94618
Flikker Network: Int'l network for female-to-gay male and female-to-bisexual male transsexuals. For more info write to Flikker Network, c/o R.K, #634, PO Box 410-990, SF CA 94141-0990.
SF Gender Information: provides referrals & networking for transsexuals & other gender community members—see Hotlines & Referrals.
Can We Talk? Transgender Support Group at the Tenderloin AIDS Center. See AIDS Resources for details.
Transsexuals of Color: Open to FTMs & MTFs, pre-and post-ops. Contact RK, #634, PO Box 410-990, SF CA 94141-0990, attn: TC.
Female to Male Pre-op Transsexual Survival/Support Group: Biweekly mtgs. Friendly, warm & open to gay, bi & straight pre-op FTMs. Contact RK, #634, PO Box 410-990, SF 94141-0990, attn FPSG.
T-ART: Transgendered artists/writers network. Open to TSs/CDs who are serious, reliable & interested in feedback & networking. Contact RK, #634, PO Box 410-990, SF 94141-0990, attn T-ART.

► YOUTH

LYRIC (Lavender Youth Recreation Ctr): for lesbian, gay & bisexual youth. Dances, outings, newsletter, etc. Meetings held 2nd Sun of the month at 1853 Market St nr Guerrero, SF. Come meet other youth, have fun! Info: Beth 252-6059.
"Jackson Street," meets weekly, Thurs from 4-5:30 pm. Support & help for lesbian, gay or bisexual youth under 22. Looking for a group that's rap & therapy too—this group's for you! Facilitated by Ruth Hughes & Dave Johnson of Ctr for Special Problems. 1700 Jackson St, btwn Van Ness Ave & Franklin St), SF. Info: Ruth Hughes, 558-4801.
Under 21: Peer-led support group for gay, bisexual & questioning young men. For mtg times, location & other info call Mark or Alphonso at LYRIC 252-6059.
QYA (Queer Youth Alliance): Gay, lesbian, bisexual & transgender youth center. 24-hr hotline. Daily events, HIV-positive groups. For queer youth 25 yrs of age or younger. Call 750-3225.
BAY (Bay Area Youth) Positives Group for young people with HIV. See AIDS Resources for details.
California Runaway Hotline provides services to young people who need help, want someone to talk to, or want to send a message to their parents. See Hotlines & Referrals.
Rainbow's End: Lesbian/Gay Youth Group. Open to ages 14-21. Thurs eves at 7 pm. 1000 Sir Francis Drake, room 12, San Anselmo, Marin. Info: 457-3523.
Sexual Identity Forum for Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual Youth—and youth exploring sexual identity. Open to ages 21 & under. Meet every Wed night, 7:30-9 pm at the Community Living Room, 28 W. 37th Ave, San Mateo. Drop by & make new friends! Info: 572-0535.
BASMYN (Bay Area Sexual Minority Youth Network) offers a variety of services for bisexal, lesbian, gay, transgender & questioning youth. A "by & for youth" organization. Discretion assured if requested. All letters answered. Free. Write: BASMYN, PO Box 460268, SF 94146-0268.
Support Group for Young Women of Color: lesbians, bisexual & questioning, ages 23 & under. Meets Fri, 7-9 pm at 1748 Market St, Ste 201, SF. Spons by the LYFE Program of Lyon-Martin Wmen's Health Services and LYRIC. Info: LYFE 565-7681 or LYRIC 252-6059.
Ongoing theater writing class for lesbian, gay, bisexual & questioning young people of color, under 21. Wed 4-6:30 pm. Taught by Chicana lesbian writer/playwright Cherrie Moraga, writer-in-residence with Brava! For Women in the Arts. 2180 Bryant St, SF. Info/reg: Lambda Youth & Family Empowerment (LYFE) Program: 565-7681.

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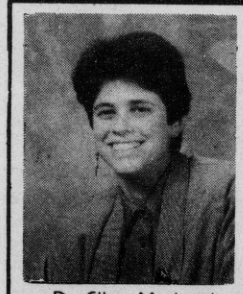

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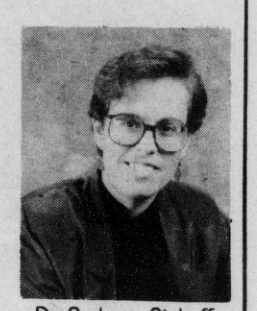

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BY DON BAIRD

One Giant Asshole Of a Nation

Death, that forever on-our-shelves topic, the dark visitor who has chosen to make a weekend home of the queer community when others see him less frequently than they do leap years, has paid a visit to the world of show biz and staked yet another claim.

Now, I've experienced a variety of deaths: friends, tricks, one parent, co-workers, neighbors, enemies, friendly acquaintances, people I've had crushes on, role models, ex-lovers, idols and more. We all have, and we have all had to learn to deal with death in a number of different ways. That's why I've got to say how wonderful it is to hear of a death that elicits an immediate reaction of pure joy. Yes, believe it or not, death can be good news, worthy of laughter, a rebel yell and even a high five, and the sudden death of comedian Sam Kinison is a fine example of this. Talk about one dead asshole who deserved to die!

JUSTICE SERVED

When I first heard the news, I pulled my clenched fist down from the air as if I were Magic Johnson shooting for two and roared, "YES!" Then I asked if he choked on his own vomit, hoping for the most shameful of possible circumstances. Nothing doing, he was just popped like a zit out in a desert somewhere in a head-on collision with another car. Ha, ha, ha is all I have to say, fucker. Sam Kinison with his AIDS jokes, his misogyny, his loathsome material about lesbians and gays and, lest we forget, his humble beginnings as a Baptist preacher, was a sorry excuse for a human being—an ugly, vicious, pathetic sack of shit.

Kinison's comedy wasn't just cheap, offensive shots taken at subjects that already elicit enough public fear and misunderstanding as it is, it was a looking glass into the twisted, pathological sewer of a mind that would enjoy the possibility of influencing men to beat their wives, rape lesbians and laugh at people with AIDS. The constant bile he spewed forth and sold vigorously as comedy was indicative of a soul as wretched and vile as the first four feet under John Wayne Gacy's Chicago home, no offense to confused teen boy hustlers or clown-painting serial killers.

The news about Kinison not only provided the aforementioned rare feeling of satisfaction that seldom accompanies death, it made me think that even more people who really deserve it should die. Out on that desert highway, I'm convinced that justice was indeed served.

JUSTICE SCREWED

Speaking of justice... it's suddenly clear that there is none in this grand nation, especially if you're a Black man. I had just barely started to review L7's new LP, *Bricks Are Heavy,* when the not guilty verdict came down for the white cops who beat with demented zeal the Black man/suspect Rodney King while some blessed citizen captured the beating on video. The whole world probably saw that video more times than they saw Michael Jackson's "Thriller," so this of course means that the whole world knows that our justice system just plain doesn't work, and the United States is one giant asshole of a nation.

Now the whole world is seeing that bricks are heavy, and they are smashing things up. This whole riotous reaction is one of the heaviest political events to hit so far in my lifetime. This situation is a motherfucker now, but the police have been doing this since way before everyone had video cameras. That's why L.A.'s on fire and this particular chapter in the history of police brutality is far from over. It won't just go away. Bricks will fly for some time now, and nobody is waving any tearful goodbyes to the Huxtables, that fictional Black family of *The Cosby Show,* which came to an end coincidentally on the second night of rioting, after eight years of icky sweaters and seasonal ratings sweeps. Eight years old was the same age that I stopped thinking Bill Cosby was funny.

Photo by Jane Philomen Cleland

Cops go after demonstrators at 21st and Mission after they cordoned off the area.

Being at work while there's rioting going on across town is a very unsettling feeling. I was loving the radio reporter's descriptions of gutted shoe stores and Nikes all over Ellis Street and major Union Square shops being looted. I particularly enjoyed some of the artsy live footage on TV, of mannequin parts with backdrops of broken glass and flames and giggling plunderers with coveted armloads scattering calmly.

What I really liked more than anything was the unified anger: a wrong had been dealt to us by authority, and the people refused to accept it. It was a big feeling, so big it made me nervous, so nervous I was joking constantly in my best deranged hippie voice, "It's just like Charly said, man. It's Helter Skelter! It's coming down, man. Charly's always been right. He said it, man."

When Jordan announced the state of emergency and the curfew, I was pissed. The only thing I thought would do any good at all was for me to go to a nightclub and just dance. I heard the immortal words of Doris Fish from the film *Vegas in Space* telling her junior officers, "Remember girls, no matter what, just keep dancing. This is how you can best save the universe."

POLICE "PROTECTION"

All the nightclubs were closed, so I just went home and watched more news. I saw aerial footage of looters beating an innocent man over and over. It was very similar to watching those maniacal cops in their ritualistic everyone-hit-him-so-no-one-can-tell brotherhood of guilt. I believe cops do this everywhere, like beating cruisers in Dolores Park without bothering to make out a report, and showing no record of a call they were responding to; or beating war demonstrators and then testifying in a court of law that they retaliated violently enough to inflict debilitating injuries to an officer; or even forcing a lone female traffic violator on a country road to have sex or go to jail.

Cops are like everyone else, some good and others just like the looter who threw the toilet right onto the back of the truckdriver who lay bleeding in the street. The repeated showing of this attack on an innocent driver pulled out of the vehicle and brutally beaten by several rioters was the harrowing and insensitive image the news media bombarded the nation with. It was ghastly and cruel, considering the victim's family probably had to see it, and see it with every channel change. Footage of Rodney King being beaten was ghastly too, mostly because the beating came from

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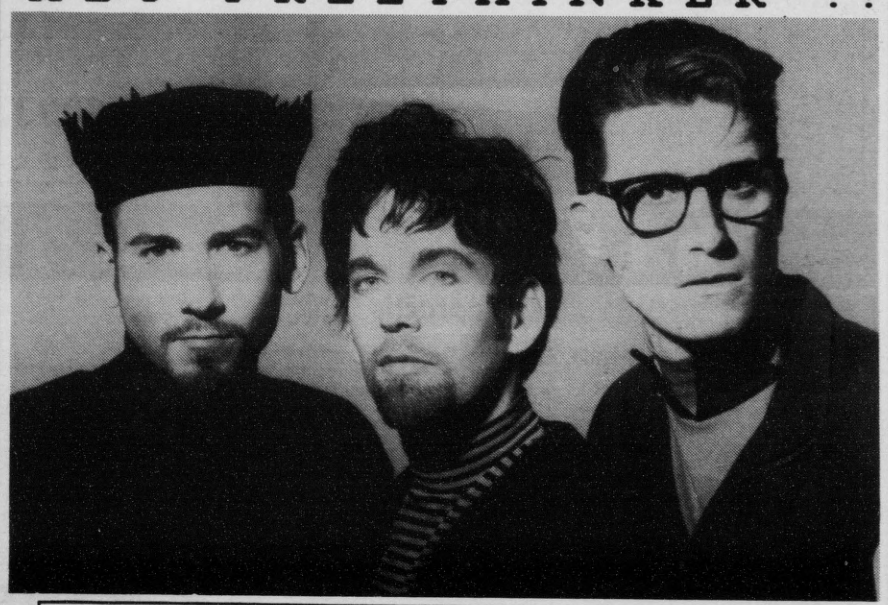

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BY VAL C PHOENIX

TRACY CHAPMAN
***Matters of the Heart*, Elektra**

I don't know if Tracy Chapman will be thought of as the protest voice of her generation, but I don't know who else might. For her third album, Chapman has stuck with the tried and true, bringing in a few stars—Vernon Reid of Living Colour, Roy Bittan of the E Street Band—but not altering her sound significantly.

I recall that when Chapman and Michelle Shocked both released records toward the end of 1989, people were disappointed at the sameness of Tracy's recordings and the dissimilarity of Michelle's. There's just no pleasing people. Well, I applaud our neighbor Tracy for her consistency. This record finds her lamenting the state of her love life, with some protest songs thrown in.

In fact, the strongest song is the opener, "Bang, Bang, Bang," a searing indictment of society's double messages to Black youth. It's the chickens coming home to roost, she seems to say, when violence erupts. "Give him drugs and give him candy. Anything to make him think he's happy. And he won't ever come for us... But if he does... Bang, bang, bang, we'll shoot him down." Timely? Or perhaps timeless.

Most of the record focuses on more personal battles, with Tracy lamenting the lack of commitment of a lover in "The Love That You Had." For a private person, she certainly does reveal a lot. Dredging up the course of a love affair, "Matters of the Heart" checks in at six minutes, 59 seconds and includes the bitter observation: "But I have you to thank for reminding me we're all alone in this world and in matters of the heart." Maybe she's alone, but Chapman has created an admirable body of work with a vision. In "Dreaming on a World," she lays it out: "No matter how unrealistic or naive it may seem, always keep dreaming."

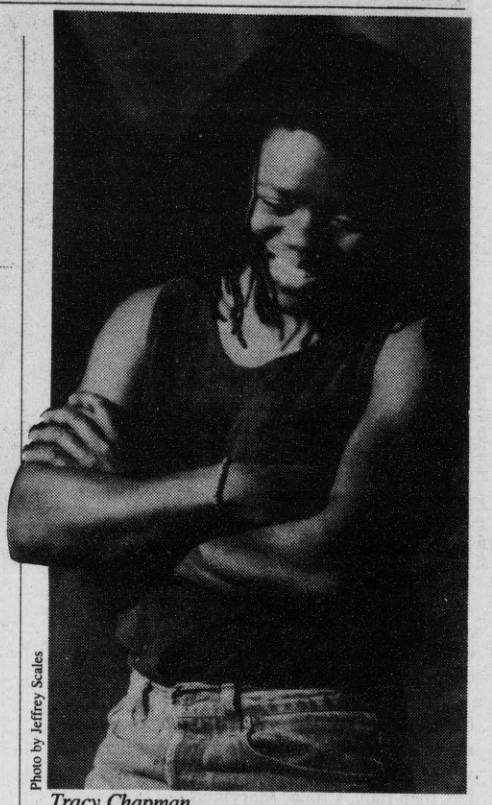

Photo by Jeffrey Scales

Tracy Chapman

MICHELLE SHOCKED
***Arkansas Traveler*, Mercury**

Shocked has been through a few incarnations: anarchist punk, Captain Swing; she now emerges as the Arkansas Traveler, returning to her folkie roots to play with a cross-country (and continental) sampling of people: Pop Staples, Doc Watson, and Levon Helm, among others. The result is a patchwork of musical sounds and styles, though Shocked denies she's changed at all.

"Naw," she writes in the liner notes. "I've tried to show where my musical sources come from—Texas songwriters like Guy Clark, uptempo blues/swing like Bob Wills and Louie Jordan and homemade jam like I grew up playing with my dad and brother." That's as good an explanation as any as to where this record's coming from.

Many of her influences are Black musical idioms, which brings up the sticky question of cultural appropriation. Indeed, Shocked alludes to this when she writes that she wanted to appear on the cover in blackface. Declaring she wanted to "provide a genuine focus on the real 'roots' of the many tunes," she thought blackface would be appropriate. Shocked makes some mention of also offending the "delicate sensibilities of the politically correct."

There's a story not being told here, obviously, but if Shocked is so concerned about respecting Black culture, what's with the Confederate jamboree, "Shaking Hands"? I found it hard to take. It features the band Uncle Tupelo espousing the glories of the Confederacy. Blech.

Happily, there are many joys in this musical odyssey. Shocked recounts a love affair gone wrong in "Hold Me Back," recorded in Sun Studios in Memphis with Clarence Gatemouth Brown. "Blackberry Blossom" finds her in an antique store in Georgia, backed by a string ensemble, and her strong folk voice shines through.

Perhaps the signature song here is "Strawberry Jam," which I believe she sang on her Captain Swing tour. Sticky, but sweet, the song extols the virtues of taking things into your own hands. After all, says Shocked, "If you want the best jam, you got to make your own" and vows to "close down the corporate jam factories." Wise words. There are many more hits than misses in this collection, and while it may be hard to keep up with Shocked on this pilgrimage, it's worth the effort.

D'CUCKOO
***D'Cuckoo*, Isle of Women**

This Oakland-based foursome has produced three tapes, but counts this CD as their debut. It's sort of the best of D'Cuckoo so far, containing cuts from previous tapes and a new song, all recorded in state-of-the-art virtual audio. So, you are there with the gals as they pound those turtles and marimbas in their hybrid world beat, techno-roots sound. It's hard to capture the exuberance of D'Cuckoo on tape since they cut such a fine figure live, but this does it pretty well.

The music is hard to define, since their musical studies span taiko drumming, African drumming, and electronic synthesizers. The heart of their music is rhythm, realized by their homemade electronic instruments. But don't skip over the vocals, either. The sound on this recording focuses more attention on the vocals, which come through more subtly than in a live show. There is more contrast, heard to good effect in the deadpan rap and breathy chorus on "Somebody Else's Dreams." The lyrics make clear their political sympathies, as well. "Things are funny out in the world, especially if you're a girl. Judges tell you what to do. Your right to conceive isn't up to you."

The women trade off vocals on the twelve songs. Leads are generally handled by Patti Clemens and Candice Pacheco. Tina (Bean) Blaine serves up some raps, while Tina (Rip) Phelps sticks mostly to drums. Clemens has since left the band, replaced by a taiko drummer. I caught a recent show and can say the band has done some shuffling, but maintained its tight playing. They play the Paradise Lounge on May 14.

SARAH McLACHLAN
Bimbo's, April 30

What a night for McLachlan to make an appearance. The show started with people straggling in from a disrupted public transportation situation and ended with the announcement that we were emerging into a post-curfew world. Very comforting. McLachlan offered a soothing show, though. Backed by an impressive band of two keyboards, acoustic and electric guitar, bass and drums, she offered up her crystalline voice as balm for the soul.

I was impressed by what she had to say when she did briefly depart from singing. There is a political soul behind that siren's voice. She dedicated "Shelter" to "creatures put into cages because of people's vanity and greed." (What is it with these Canadian singers and fur?) Another song was dedicated to "all the corporate pigs in the world" and degenerated into some serious sampling, ending with a a police siren and a scream. I thought it was wickedly on target.

For this end of tour show, McLachlan pulled out all the stops and seemed to enjoy herself. The last song, "Steaming," let loose disco samples all over the place, and found McLachlan breaking into "Vogue" briefly before she finished with some breathy, quasi-orgasmic shrieks. Anyone who can take your mind off the fact that the world's going to hell deserves some credit.

ENDNOTES...

I caught the Sugarcubes at the Warfield on April 27. Sound problems nearly sabotaged Bjork's vocals, which after all, are pretty much the heart of the band. She and Einar did some funny ad-libbing, even breaking into an impromptu Queen medley. It was a sadly shabby situation, though, and offering the crowd free drinks did not mollify a lot of people... You can catch the Stepchildren and Her Majesty the Baby at the Bottom of the Hill May 8.

Beat This...

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authority figures, ones planting calculated and specific blows that wouldn't provide evidence of police misconduct, while knowing that no one would believe the Black man's claims anyway if he were to charge them with brutality.

Hence, the justice system isn't working for anyone but the policemen. Basically, they can fuck you up for anything they want and get away with it, be it getting off on the power of clubbing someone senseless or getting a blowjob from a teen at their mercy. I'm sure this shit happens all the time. The not guilty verdict and subsequent media manipulation stands to point out which force is more evil. The populace will believe it based on how many heinous depictions of rioters they see on TV per hour, per day. They'll believe anything if they believe the police are here to protect, and they do.

But lots of people, including myself, believe that a policeman would tell a lie that could send you to prison and think about it less than a minority citizen faced with an easy loot from a favorite store window. How can I best save the universe when the police ordered the dance clubs closed by curfew?

Oh yeah. The L7 record is a perfect soundtrack for these times, and when the dance bars opened again on Friday, the music as usual simply wasn't hard enough to match the mood. I would've given my eye-teeth to be spinning on that day.

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BY WILLIAM FINKLE

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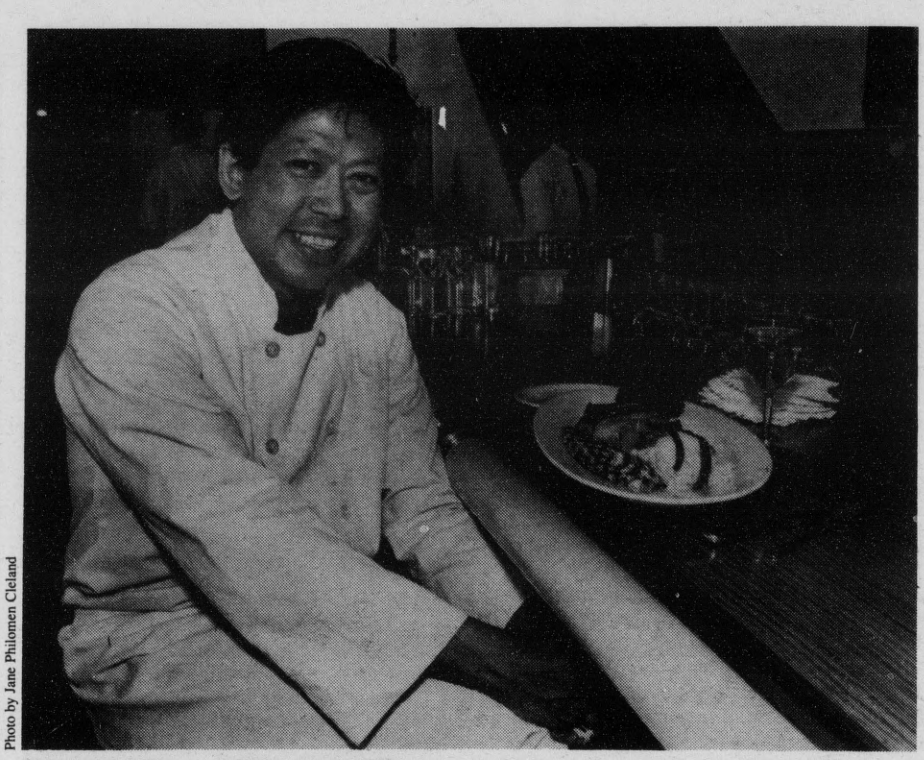
Christopher's Cafe, the second restaurant of owner/chef Christopher Cheung and wife Nedda, does a fine job, and yet has some work to do before becoming a lasting place of quality or value. The place itself, occupying the same site as the old Speedo 690, is hardly recognizable. Open for two months now, the 120-seat restaurant feels huge. An A-frame ceiling towers above, creating a spacious aura on a dining floor that's actually packed with tables. Green patterned carpeting, bent wood chairs and beige walls blend well, making the restaurant look much more subdued than Speedo 690, with its bright colors and festooned hangings, ever did.

It's difficult to say what kind of restaurant Christopher's is: the food is international, California-style, and the mood is casual and warm, but not particularly intimate—the enormous room is just too big for intimate. Some parts coalesce brilliantly (the long bar below a celebratory mural, the knowledgeable and genuinely friendly service), others quietly fail (repetitive use of sauces and garnishes, amateurish printing of menus and wine list). I'd like to see Christopher's succeed: the strong points outshine the mediocre.

Four pretty terrific appetizers set our taste buds a-tinglin'. The **Caesar Salad** ($8.95) is just as expensive as Zuni's superlative version; this one fares quite well by comparison, with whole leaves of Romaine hearts covered in a low-key, anchovy-spiked dressing. For the **Chile Relleno Frio** ($5), a roasted pasilla chile was stuffed with chunky lime-flavored guacamole and a mound of balsamic-dressed crabmeat. The combination worked, with the the cool guac and some sweet pickled red onions offsetting the peppery chile. I had never tasted anything like the **Pepper Oysters** ($4.50), where freshly shucked Pacific oysters, simmered and served in a sauce of roasted garlic, lime juice, cinnamon, allspice and olive oil, were each set atop a fresh tortilla chip, for a nice texture contrast. A **Warm Duck Salad** ($6) mingled fresh duck breast, well-seasoned and cooked through, with bitter arugula, sweet red bell pepper and a zesty citrus vinaigrette; these flavors, although complementary, were timid. Artfully presented and well-balanced in taste, these first courses successfully accomplished their intent, to entice the eyes and mouth without overloading the stomach.



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Christopher Cheung of Christopher's Cafe

In the entrees, Chef Cheung's talent may have been weighed down by an overly ambitious menu: my first comment on the selections was that they were "all over the world"; first we're in Mexico, then Italy, China, Maryland and Louisiana. Cheung, originally from Hong Kong, worked in many East Bay restaurants, including the Fourth Street Bar and Grill under Mark Miller (Coyote Cafe), before opening Christopher's in Berkeley. He fancies borrowing techniques and ingredients from diverse cultures and utilizing the best of the best, trusting his palate and sense of style to lead him in preparing whatever dishes he likes. The **Sauteed Chinese Lamb** ($12.95), for example, uses leg of lamb sauteed with jalapeno, ginger, red and green bell peppers, onions and hoisin sauce for an unusually tender and flavor-packed dish. A pile of spicy green rice and some mango-pineapple salsa accented the hot lamb. **Maryland-Style Crabcakes** ($13.50) did not come from any Baltimore cookbook: these cakes seemed to contain everything but the kitchen sink, and barely tasted of crab; the kitchen pulled off the garlic-lemon mayonnaise quite well, though, and the roasted potatoes and asparagus were just fine. I should have been suspicious of the quotation marks around the **"Blackened" Rock Cod** ($12.50); this cod was barely burnt sienna. A bland Cajun spice had been rubbed into the cod filet (from the wonderful Monterey Fish Co.), which was then sauteed and set next to a slice of creamy, dense polenta, pineapple salsa, and more asparagus. To my dismay, a **Grilled Porterhouse Steak** ($16.95) was overcooked, and when the replacement came, it was a ribeye instead. Stone-ground mustard butter melted over the amply-sized-but-only-adequate-tasting steak, served with caramelized onions, potatoes and asparagus.

Desserts, made on the premises, were decidedly simple, unlike many other items. **Mascarpone Cheesecake with Black Currant Sauce** ($5.25) had a creamy flavor, but was dry and dotted with non-sequitur chocolate espresso beans. **Classic Creme Brulee** ($5.25) soared above the other desserts: a very rich and smooth real vanilla custard sheathed in a caramelized sugar top, with

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sauce on the side. The **Chocolate Chip Ice Cream Sandwich** ($5) seemed like an afterthought, with two large, eggy-tasting cookies and plain vanilla ice cream under black currant sauce and creme anglaise. What was behind the use of black currant sauce and creme anglaise on all three of these desserts?

An ample list of wines by the glass displays an oenological expertise, but prices are rather high. I found the list itself confusing, since wines sold by the glass and by the bottle were listed on a separate page than the wines available by bottle only. The Robert Keenan Merlot was not the high-falutin', ruby-mellow drink expected for $7 a glass. Other by the glass wines are priced $1 to $2 more than found elsewhere. We did enjoy a bottle of full-bodied, super-fruity **Caymus Conundrum 1990** ($27), a blend of muscat, chardonnay and semillon grapes.

Christopher's does have a lot to offer the average diner: flavors are joined intelligently, service couldn't be better, and the surroundings are comfortable. Drawbacks: lack of value for your dollar, and of follow-through in creativity.

Around Town...

On a weekend in Monterey, I visited one of the greatest breakfast places in the world: **Katy's Place** in Carmel, at 6th & Mission (not to be confused with Katy's Cottage, at 7th & Lincoln, which is good but not great). The cheery folks at Katy's serve up terrific fresh fruit pancakes and waffles, and offer a variety of homemade-hollandaise-topped benedict-style eggs (I like the one with smoked salmon and tomato). Coffee is refilled and refilled without ever having to hunt for your server. I always look forward to returning to this sunny spot for easing into the day.

Duboce Lunch & Dinner, 1700 Mission St. at Duboce, is a revitalized diner, with hand-painted walls, lots of candles and candelabras, and intimate seating. Food tends to be a bit fussy, perhaps too fussy for the low-key atmosphere, even though prices are affordable. Recently, a red-pepper custard baked in a mini-pumpkin shell, sauteed trout and a tangy, fresh-vegetable bow-tie pasta dish pleased my eye and palate. Service can be strange: beware of sitting at the counter, where dishwasher water might splash you and/or your dinner, without a word of apology. Worth a trip, though.

Definitely worth the trip is **Caffe Delle Stelle**, at 330 Gough St. A visit to the year-old eatery back in the fall proved worthwhile: I absolutely loved the pumpkin-filled manicotti, drizzled with the best extra-virgin olive oil and asiago cheese, wild mushroom penne (pasta is homemade), and the melodious arias sung by a real live opera singer. The menu also features house-baked breads and desserts. This bright, attractive cafe is truly a must for lovers of clean, simple and authentic Italian food at reasonable prices.

For a chic yet low-key lunch in SOMA, try **The Acorn Tea & Griddle** (1256 Folsom St.). The twin-room-plus-patio restaurant features smart design and freshly cut flowers, and serves healthful, tasty fare that's quite affordable. I loved the corn and lentil soup, spicy with cumin and coriander, the veal and turkey meatloaf sandwich on Oliver's Backerei anise-scented bread, and a special sauteed soft-shell crab plate, cooked and seasoned to perfection. The Acorn also makes dinner, Thursday through Saturday.

Pozole (2337 Market) offers excellent, tangy Latin specialties in a colorful setting of cobalt walls and rotating Latin art. Pink bean soup, California burrito with cactus, and chicken tamales are just a few items. Probably better suited for drinking with a meal than those elsewhere, the aguas frescas here are less sweet, and made with authentic ingredients such as hibiscus flowers. This food is so elegant, so different from the ordinary Mexican fare, I wonder if it's straight from Jesse's hometown or if it's a clever melding of California and South-of-the-Border styles. Whatever—it's great!

CABARET

Photo by C. Kinkead

The Kate Perry Show

Kate Perry is from Derry, Northern Ireland. She has been performing in San Francisco for five years. An earlier work, *My Name Is Kate Perry & I've Been Drinking*, played to sold-out houses in February and the young monologist is now back at The Marsh with a full evening of Irish characters.

Whether she is being a crotchety old harridan on holiday, a gossipy biddy on a plane, a married woman recalling a love affair in Venice, or a teenage girl waiting for her father to pick her up, she brings to each character insight, respect and, warranted or not, dignity.

Occasionally, she sacrificed a punch line to a character's impenetrable brogue or a too-rushed delivery, but with the simple addition of a wig, hair net, goggles, or shapeless sweater, her transformations are consummately realized. In the first of nine brief scenes she is Maureen O'Malley, a young girl who wants to be a comic actor but who winds up in a class for dramatic actors, where, as Laura in *The Glass Menagerie*, she can't refrain from winking at the audience to let them know life isn't all that bad.

Perry's Ms. McGregor nips from her silver flask while she waits for the stewardess to bring her tea and complains with considerable relish about young people who say things in public that would make "Jane Austen's ringlets stand on end."

That precocious child facing Ms. McGregor, and refusing to turn around in her seat, is Wee Brigit. Wearing goggles and slurping a carbonated drink "because it will make me fart... fart... fart... a word I'm not allowed to use," she is the ubiquitous menace on every plane, train or bus.

Mrs. A knits, shouts at her deaf husband, reports on the nice bit of beef they just ate, and informs us that though she once won a seaside vacation as Miss Elegance, she's given up the title to enter the Glamorous Grandmother Competition.

Sharon Gillispie is a sexy blonde on vacation. Her jewelry is real gold, but her girlfriend's is just junk. She knows it's real gold because her girlfriend's brother stole it and he's a real pro. All her friend wants to do is get drunk, get humped and lie on the beach, but not necessarily in that order.

Helen Fortune has been returning to Venice every summer for 12 years, searching for the lover with whom she had a brief affair. She's packing now to return to England and her husband and daughters. She writes in a final love letter to the man she cannot find, "I want to be the person I was before I met you."

Kate Perry is very good. Her two young girls were my favorites and I hope she expands their characterizations. Her skit about the Venetian affair might well develop into a longer, more fully realized and poignant vignette with more specific details about the lover and her family back home.

The Kate Perry Show plays every Saturday in May at 10:30 pm at The Marsh. Please note: The Marsh has moved one block south to 968 Valencia. Call (415) 641-0235.

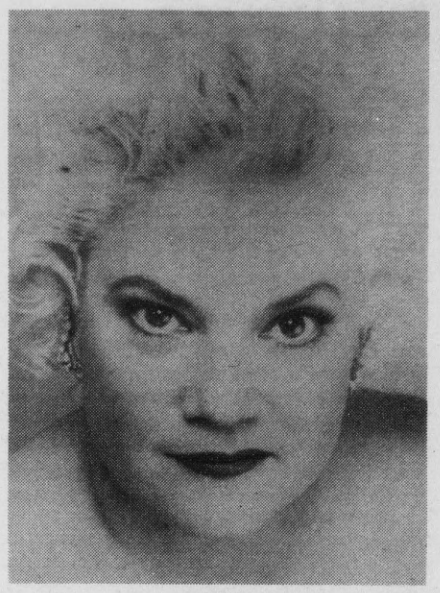
—by Gene Price

"In the Meantime" with Sharon McNight

Sharon McNight, the uniquely clever, exuberant singer/entertainer, showed up last week for a record release party at the Great American Music Hall, the magnificent bordello-turned-music hall on O'Farrell. As always for McNight, the house was packed with loyal supporters and newcomers and, as always, she rose to the occasion, this time plugging her fourth album, *In the Meantime*.

An evening with McNight is an experience unlike any other. She grabs an audience and refuses to let go. It's as if she just let the audience into her living room, poured a glass of really good vodka ("none of that cheap shit") and invited everyone to have the time of their lives. She picks her material as if it were all written for her (some she has written for herself) and allows no room for anyone to think differently. This time around, she did several of the numbers she's so closely associated with, adding only a few new ones. I would enjoy hearing her venture into a concert with all new songs, but she does the ones she's always done so well that, along with the entire audience, I really do enjoy hearing them again.

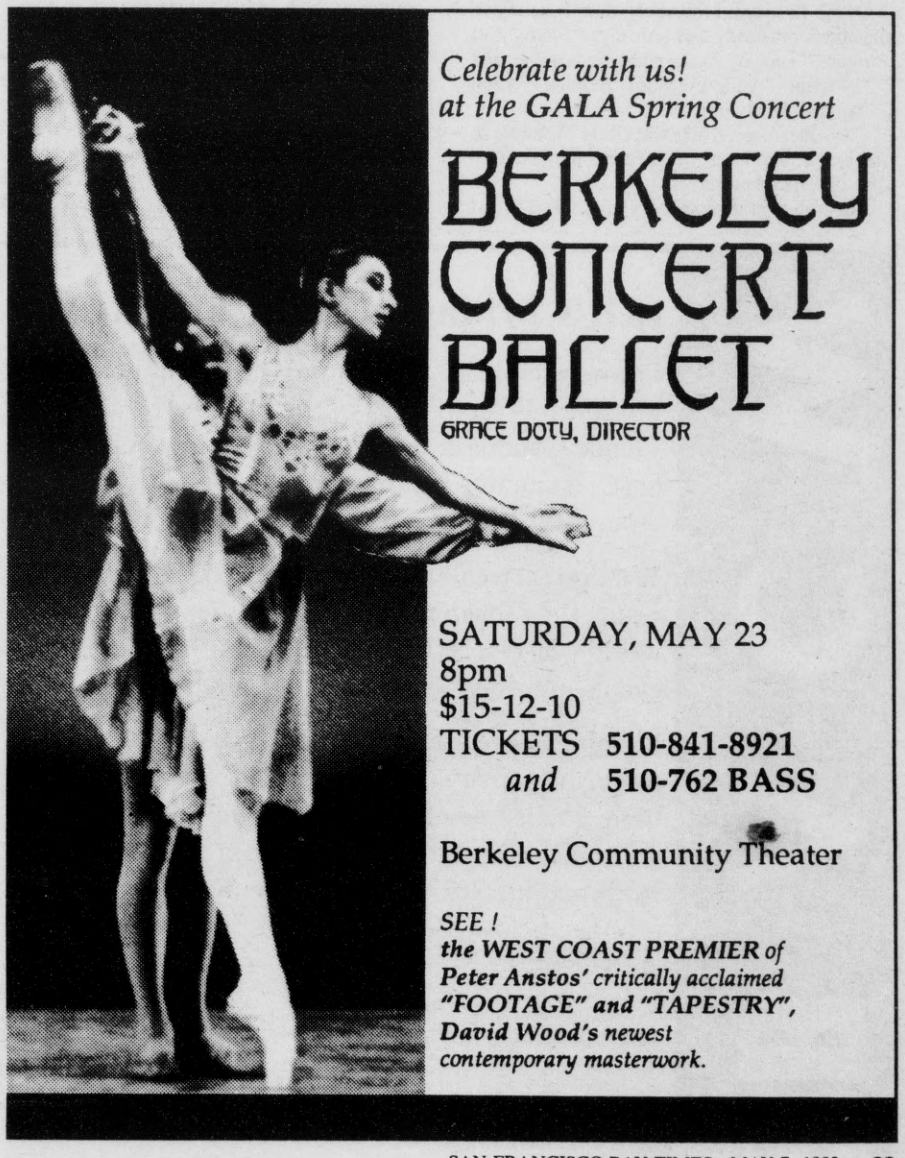
The title song, a ballsy, seize-the-moment tune, kicked off the evening and was followed by a wonderful vehicle for showing off her yodeling talent, "Cowboy's Sweetheart." Rick Crom's "One Last Prince" and Craig Carnelia's "Picture in the Hall" and "Just a Housewife" are all rather intense ballads, and she treated them as such, making the lyrics really sink in. Bernstein's



"One Hundred Easy Ways to Lose a Man," which McNight sang in Carnegie Hall in concert with the N.Y.C. Gay Men's Chorus, followed. Lenny would have been proud. A 10-minute-long segment of *The Wizard of Oz*, for which she is renowned, was wonderful as always. She does a remarkable imitation of the mayor of Munchkin City. Her gut-wrenching version of Quincy Jones' "Miss Celie's Blues" from *The Color Purple* closed the set, followed by two encores, her "theme" songs, "Your Sweet and Shiny Eyes" and Billy Joel's "I've Loved These Days."

McNight sang as wonderfully as I've ever heard her, all the while interjecting funny, occasionally raunchy comments on just about everything. She continues to do benefit after benefit for the gay community and especially for AIDS. Why aren't there more around like her? McNight's latest CD, *In the Meantime*, is available at Medium Rare Records, 2310 Market St.

—Scott Cady



THEATRE

Once on This Island

REVIEWED BY GENE PRICE

Rosa Guy's 1985 novel, *My Love, My Love,* was converted into a musical by Lynn Ahrens (book and lyrics) and Stephen Flaherty (music) and directed by Graciela Daniele and went on to win eight Tony nominations. I can only assume that somewhere between Broadway and the Curran Theatre, this modest tale of unrequited love on a French Antilles island ran out of steam.

However, considering that the music seldom soars, is in fact excessively repetitive, and that the dances are watered-down versions of Katherine Dunham's fiery, abandoned 1940s choreography, and that the story is "recited" by the ensemble, rather than dramatized, I fail to fathom the musical's initial potential.

Ti Moune (Vanita Harbour), a dark-skinned, lower caste island girl, pulls a lighter-skinned, aristocratic boy (Darius de Haas) from a car crash, bargains with Death for his life, and nurses him back to health. The prevailing island gods, Love, Earth, Water and Death, allow her a romantic fling and then, as gods are wont to do, snatch away her happiness. Otherwise, there wouldn't be a story, much less a moral, would there?

Once he is recovered and re-established in his family's villa, Daniel, who has been enjoying Ti Moune's favors, informs her that he is engaged to marry a girl of his own class, the elegant Andrea (Monique Cintron). Ti Moune is shown the gate. She dies of a broken heart and the contrite gods transform her into a tall tree just outside the villa wall. I tend to believe this is not the kind of revenge a spurned island girl would have preferred.

Of the 15 songs, I found two that shone above the others musically and lyrically: "Mama Will Provide," sung by Asaka and the ensemble, and "Ti Moune," sung by Mama Euralie, Tonton Julian and Ti Moune.

Carol Dennis as Asaka and Gerry McIntyre as Papa Ge, Demon of Death, particularly distinguished themselves.

But in all of its 90 minutes, *Once on This Island* failed to rise above the exciting first scene of 12 islanders huddled centerstage under a tropical barrage of lightning and thunder. Sorely missed was a passionate, throbbing percussive beat, the native tom-tom rhythms we've come to associate with Caribbean music. Where are the steel drums when we need them?

Once on This Island continues at the Curran Theatre through May 17, call (510) 762-BASS.

The Pajama Game

REVIEWED BY GENE PRICE

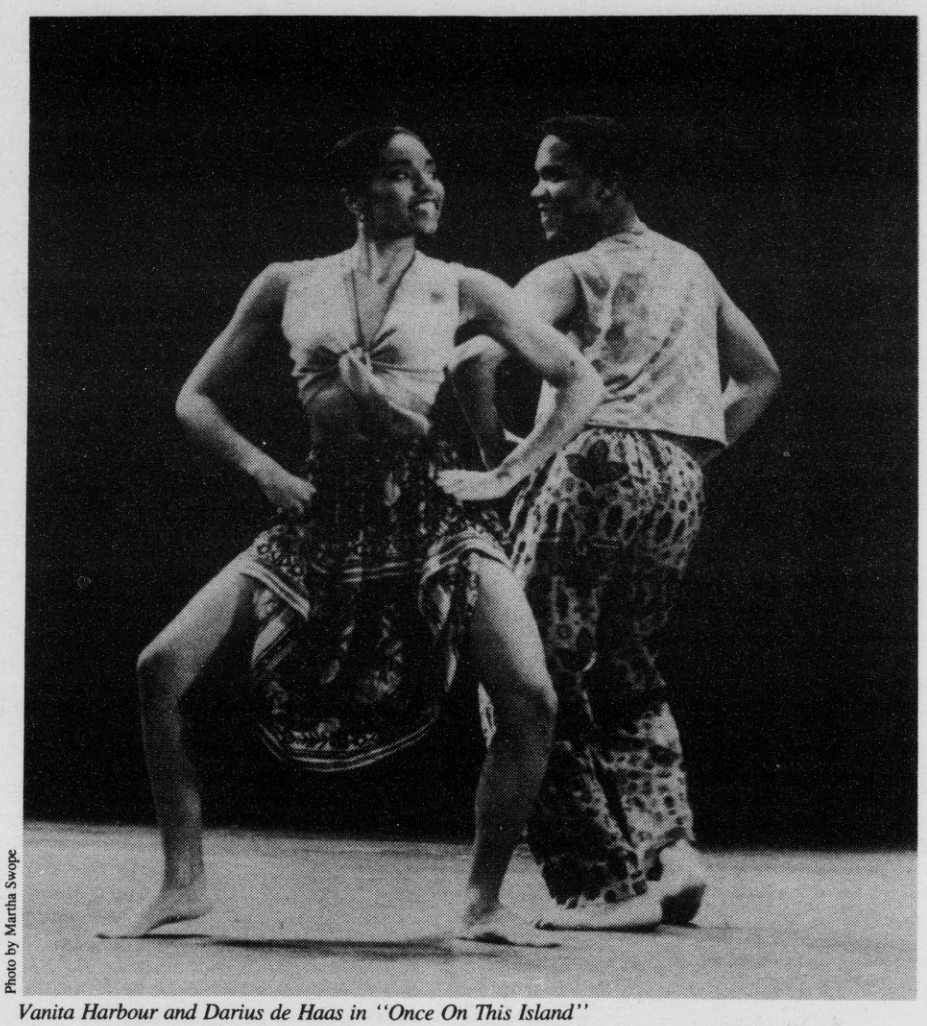
The Peninsula Civic Light Opera opened its season with a revival of 1954's Tony-winning musical, *The Pajama Game,* unique for its treatment of adult romance against a union's confrontation with management.

As directed by Brooke Night, the PCLO version is set and costumed in its original period, giving it an almost period flavor when it might well have been modernized for more contemporary relevance. (Women's clothes that are *slightly* out-of-date can look disconcertingly quaint).

Good voices and strong performances by the leads under Gregory Van Sudmeier's baton kept this book-oriented show moving at a brisk pace with only a few "set" pieces dropped in here and there (obvious sops to original director George Abbott's predilection for show-stopping numbers). The latter were served up by the challenging choreography of Berle Davis, whose routines seemed uncanny recreations of the originals. ("Steam Heat," however, created originally by a young Bob Fosse and danced by gamine Carol Haney, was not as precise, as angular, as tightly knit as the original; but great moments in show biz almost defy re-staging.)

Now that I've nit-picked a bit, I wish to pay homage to the romantic leads, two superb new talents on the local musical scene. Jim Akin, as the handsome, masculine, solid-voiced Sid (factory foreman) and good-looking belter Erica Wyman as Babe (head of the union's grievance committee) are about as close to stars as one is likely to find this side of 42nd Street. Both move with musical-comedy assurance and both are blessed with that aura that separates a star from the ensemble. Each had an impressive turn with the show's hit ballad, "Hey, There," and Wyman, giving Babe a more feminist "bite" in this production, was particularly fine on "I'm Not at All in Love."

Nancy Roth Field as ditsy Gladys and Don Cima as her jealous, knife-throwing suitor, were particularly effective both as comedic foils and in their respective numbers, "Hernando's Hideaway" and "I'll Never Be Jealous." The company picnic number, "Once-a-Year Day," unleashed some especially rambunctious dancing.



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Vanita Harbour and Darius de Haas in "Once On This Island"

The Lady Upstairs

REVIEWED BY GENE PRICE

Two of San Francisco's most versatile and polished actors, Stephanie Hunt and Jane Angeles, meet head-on and fall in love against an unlikely background of nuclear physics in Sara Felder's sly comedy, *The Lady Upstairs.*

Vola Ruben's cluttered, dusty library set is just where you'd expect to find preoccupied, frizzy-haired scientist Selma (Hunt). Happiest with her nose in two books at once, she is not pleased when the insistent doorbell introduces the saxophone-tooting tenant from upstairs, Roberta (Angeles), who has lost her keys and must use the phone to call the landlord. Having made her call, Roberta settles in, makes herself comfortable and begins a "20 questions" interchange with Selma. Both are Jewish. Selma is a lesbian, Roberta bisexual. Both have suffered recent rejection. So far, so good.

Roberta, who has marched for abortion rights, AIDS, sexual freedom, the nuclear freeze—"there's so much to protest"—is dismayed to discover that Selma is "destroying the planet" through her work at a local nuclear research plant. "I love it," Selma exclaims passionately.

"I love cocaine," Roberta counters, "but I wouldn't work for a drug cartel." Selma gets in her licks by accusing Roberta of being unable to comprehend anything more complicated than a bumper sticker.

Weightier themes begin to merge into this cat-and-mouse courtship as a mini-history of the atomic bomb and the Jewish scientists responsible for its development is recapped for Roberta's

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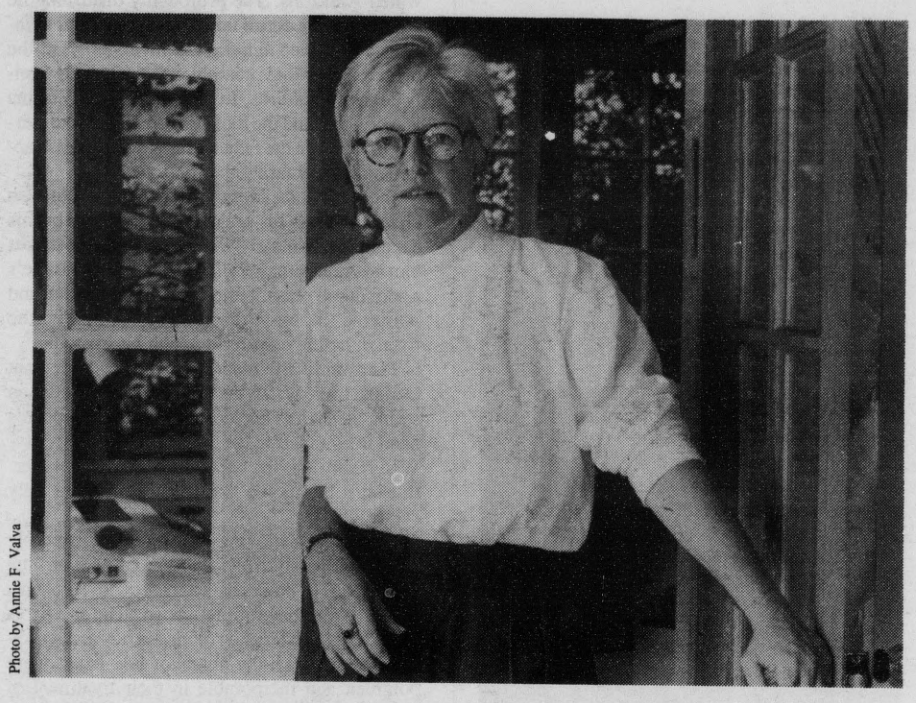
AN INTERVIEW BY JACQUELINE ELIZABETH LETALIEN



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Her poetically constructed essays and pragmatically expressed poetry speak to the important concerns of our daily lives. Reading her work is a visceral experience, fully felt in the body and intensely intoned in the heart. Her thoughts compel the reader to feel, to be aware, to speak. Her words call up an inner voice until I hear myself actually speaking out loud in a voice fully empowered, awakened and thundering.

Susan Griffin is a poet/philosopher whose analysis is expressed in fourteen books, including *Woman and Nature: A Roaring Inside Her*, *The Pornography of Silence*, and *Made From This Earth*. She will soon complete a new work, *A Chorus of Stones: The Private Life of War*. She has just completed writing the play *Thicket*. *SF Bay Times* spoke to her in her East Bay hills home about her recent work.

(SF Bay Times) Are you excited about your new play?

(Griffin) Very excited. It's been a total pleasure working with Ruth Zaporah and Mary Forcade, a brilliant director. Ruth is delightful and wondrous as an actor, and is the life force in the performance and creative energy of the piece. It creates its own balance. It's been a marvelous experience; really, really wonderful.

It was a long time in the writing. So many elements intervened. I had this chronic illness; I had to stop writing altogether. I was very close to the material and needed a lot of time to work with it to make it into a piece of art as opposed to an account; write a piece where something present is happening on the stage rather than somebody telling you their life story.

Another element was to discover how to write a piece specifically for Ruth Zaporah. There was a "feeling out" of each other's style. It took time for us to understand what we were doing together.

Is this a play in poetry?

It's in poetry. People shouldn't be frightened by that; it's not difficult to understand. What isn't understandable isn't meant to be understood on a rational level.

This play deals with states of mind that are phenomena in themselves. They're not to be understood; they're just to be witnessed. Grief is a huge process. We think of grief as an emotion, but it's a state of being, a circumstance, an event, a condition. It involves such a complexity of emotions, usually three or four. The play investigates that.

The death that it tells about was a sudden death. It involves shock, the human reaction to violence. My friend, who shared this house with me, was crossing a street and was hit by a motorcycle. She never regained consciousness and died three hours later. It was quite violent and very, very sudden. I was in the hospital when she died, but I was not on the street. Eventually I learned as much as could be learned; I spoke to everybody at the scene. So that was in my imagination constantly. I felt as if a motorcycle had struck me.

How do you cope—what's the process like with that kind of death?

We loved each other so much. We weren't lovers; we were a platonic family together. We had a simple, unambivalent, loving relationship. Right before she died, she came up to me, grabbed me by the shoulders and said, "I love you" in such a direct way. I said that back to her. It was so important to me that that interchange had taken place.

Because we were so close and there was such trust between us, I allowed myself to go into this grief. It took about two months of my life; I began working again after one month. It was an incredible, astonishing process to go through.

What are some of the lessons that come from that experience?

One of the major holes—"h-o-l-e-s"—in this society is that very few people, when people very close to them die, are in the room at the moment. They never see the body. In village life, births and deaths happen and everybody sees them, not just the family. It's part of the fabric. That's an important part of who we are, of understanding our life on this earth. You can't intellectually say: 'oh well, I know somebody is born and I know somebody died.' There's some knowledge that comes in nonverbally, literally comes in through the pores of your skin. I wasn't there when Elisa was struck, I wasn't in the operating room (they wouldn't let us be there), but I did go and stand with her body.

Very subtly in the play is the experience I had of her being close to me after she died. I've never felt so intimate with anybody in my life; as if she were under my skin. That's hinted at. The subject matter of the play becomes the relationship between language and death, language and all experience. Language cannot really describe the experience.

Writers are acutely aware how often language fails. That doesn't make us feel alienated to language. Language is just another equal element in the universe. It's nice to have a tree; it's nice to have language. Language does a dance with reality, but it doesn't control or in any way cover, compose, contain reality.

What's the purpose of a poet?

Audre Lorde wrote a piece called "Poetry Is Not Luxury." It's the roses of bread and roses. We have this attitude in this society that bread, the breadwinner, is all that's important; what's paid for is important. We don't pay poets. This is one of the wealthiest nations on the earth, and yet we're the lowest on the scale of providing basic social services. You can add the arts to that list.

In another society that would be an extraneous question; it would be like asking, What's the use of water? You have to have water; you have to have poetry. Maybe you have shamans or people who altogether remember their songs, but life isn't life without that. The form itself, the activity, is something that intrinsically recognizes our relationship to the rest of the world, including plants, animals, stars and weather. Participating in the form either as a reader or a writer, you become part of a larger whole.

All my writing is written to be read out loud. I'm very glad for the printed word, but it should be heard. It's like the idea that you eat the whole vegetable. It's better to have the skin, because it's part of the whole process, metabolism—part of the metabolism of any understanding of language is the sound.

That brings us to the issue of silence. How do we turn this around?

A lot of people are breaking silence in their own way. I'm a writer; I break silence in this way. It's a very complex process. I don't agree with outing, unless for instance, we found out Jesse Helms is gay—discovered in a bathroom coming on to a kid. Anybody in that position who's doing that should be outed, because they're attacking other

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edification. In a number of brief scenes proving Einstein's theory that time is indeed relative, Selma becomes Lise Meitner, who experimented with uranium fission before fleeing the Nazis in 1938. Selma also serves as the body and voice of Neils Bohr, the Danish physicist who produced the first atomic model.

Sharing her time-warp conversations are brief appearances by Otto Frisch, another quantum physicist, a cigar-smoking Churchill, and a cigarette-wielding FDR (C.W. Morgan). These interjections of past-into-present are expertly woven into conversations with an unaware Roberta. Gradually Roberta begins to take part in the visitations. She matter-of-factly begins to pour tea for Neils Bohr and is caught up in his plea to Roosevelt to avoid an uncontrolled nuclear arms race.

After the scientists and politicians have disappeared back into the wallpaper, Roberta begins to realize that her black-or-white impressions of history may require re-examination. Selma seems only too willing to forego her search for invisible stars in exchange for a lingering kiss on the neck. History in the making takes a decidedly romantic turn and it would appear the metaphysical Lady Upstairs has some nice things in store for these two beguiling women.

Mary Forcade (who also directs Ruth Zaporah in *Thicket* at the Magic, and who will be performing in John O'Keefe's *Man in the Moon* at the Actors Theatre) has done such a fine job of creating an ensemble piece that her director's hand is never obvious. That's as it should be.

Jane Angeles in "The Lady Upstairs"

A Little Night Music

REVIEWED BY GENE PRICE

Contra Costa Musical Theatre's hit of the spring season has been Sondheim's 1972 Tony-winner, *A Little Night Music*, the composer's homage to the waltz. Hugh Wheeler's libretto was based on Ingmar Bergman's *Smiles of a Summer Night*, a bittersweet carousel of romantic entanglements in turn-of-the-century Sweden.

Directed by Byron Peters with considerable grace and flair, and aided by some gorgeous and fluid stage settings by Tom Languth, several sets of lovers' assignations are seamlessly interwoven by The Liebeslieder, five singers who waltz through scenes commenting on the action.

Mellene Bruen played the flamboyant actress Desiree Armfeldt. Her early tendency to press for comedy in the number "You Must Meet My Wife" was a small put-off, but she achieved an admirable poignancy with the show's major ballad, "Send in the Clowns." Sonja Christopher played her eccentric mother, Madame Armfeldt, whose views on social advancement through sexual favors were explicitly enumerated in the anthem "Liaisons" (determined to stay on the beat she occasionally sacrificed a lyric).

John Hetzler was a fine figure and vocally secure as Fredrik, Desiree's former lover who is now husband to teenager Anne (Kathleen Del Real, certainly the most frivolously adolescent of the Annes I have seen). After 11 months of marriage, Anne is still a virgin. Barrett Lindsay-Steiner was an impressive, strong-voiced but sensitive Henrik, Fredrik's son by a previous marriage. Carl Daddio was imposing as Desiree's pompous current lover and Robin Huntington was his insecure and bitchy wife.

As Petra the maid, Andrea Chamberlain gave a delightful performance and brought down the house with a rousing but moving rendition of "The Miller's Son." Whatever "it" is, Chamberlain has it.

Beautiful music, lovely ensemble singing, a handsome, frothy production. But the costumes—and this *is* a costume epic—were on the overly lavish side. (Anne's were the exception.) Too many frills, too much jet, too many feathers, a jet choker, *and* a pendant! Plus a really atrocious hat. The three Liebeslieder women, for instance, would have been more effective in less distracting gowns. Wigs, too, were overly bouffant, shadowing faces and, in Desiree's case, her eyes—an actor's most important feature. We all know that the turn of the century was not a period known for its taste in clothing or furniture. But this is musical comedy. Give me glamour, not authenticity.

All My Hopes And Dreams: Lisa Kron at Josie's

REVIEWED BY VAL C. PHOENIX

As martial law settled uneasily over the Castro, some 20 hardy souls ventured out to see New Yorker Lisa Kron's solo debut in San Francisco. Kron made the most of the moment. "Thank you, law-defying San Francis-

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FILM

BY RANDY TUROFF

Virgina

Virgina, the Yugoslavian film by Serbian director Srdjan Karanovic, had its North American premiere screening at the recent San Francisco International Film Festival. *Virgina* is an emotionally powerful film, which takes its cues both from myth and folktale, drawing on a bizarre peasant custom of passing girl babies off as boys. In a late 19th century remote village, high up in the barren mountains of Yugoslavia, a girl-child is born. The father holds a rifle to her head and is about to shoot her, when a wind storm suddenly comes up which he interprets as a sign from above that she's meant to be spared. He reluctantly lets her live, but only under the condition that she be raised and acknowledged to be a boy.

Apparently, a family with daughters but no sons was considered to be cursed by God and was socially ostracized. To save face, the father assigns the role of "Virgina" to the infant girl, which essentially means that from that day on until the day she dies, s/he shall absolutely and unequivocally be known as a man. The child is named Stephen.

The film progresses rapidly from infancy to Stephen's first haircut, to the time he receives his first gun, until pre-pubescence. For all intents and purposes, Stephen is a boy. The work he does is completely differentiated from that of his sisters. He is relegated to a life of hard labor, working the dry and rocky soil, mostly moving stones and chopping wood beside his poor and bitter father. Even though Stephen's life is hard, he still receives a certain degree of male privilege, in that when everyone is hungry and on the verge of starvation, he gets the last piece of bread. He also gets to order his sisters around. Stephen learns to be a man: to spit, smoke and spar, and to suffer his sisters' resentment. With grim reassurance his mother tells him about the advantage he has over other women who are trapped in abysmally deadening roles: "Better a rooster for a day, than a hen for life."

The worst part of the tragedy of living the lie begins with Stephen's sexual awakening. The mother binds "his" breasts and the father builds

Virgina

a corral around the house which incarcerates Stephen into family servitude. Upon reaching puberty, the father takes the son to church and makes him promise unto St. George and unto God to keep the secret forever for the sake of the family and its reputation. The father vows that if the secret is revealed, the punishment shall be death.

In a sense, the theme of *Virgina* isn't really androgyny at all. The theme is child abuse and the subjugation of the female gender. The Virginas (and there is more than one in this film) are not Amazons. They are women who have been forced to be men by the patriarchy itself. The prevention or confiscation of their femininity by the patriarchy and the relegation of these she-boys into sexual isolation and lonely secrecy is abusive, with none of the heroic mythic valor enjoyed by self-willed Amazons. The profoundly disturbing lie with which the entire family lives is similar to incest. The father initiates the inversion, and the mother and siblings comply with the twisted family behavior patterns. In the process, the Virgina is sacrificed, and the mother is condemned to eternal guilt, while the father continues his selfish actions in perpetuating the travesty.

The fact that the father character in this film also kicks and beats his pregnant wife and whips his daughters mercilessly with birch switches, makes him an unredeemable villain. But the truth is, he's a poor dumb peasant triggered by superstition and bolstered in his "disciplinary" role by the woman-hating culture in which he lives.

The film finally reads as a terrifically deviant Oedipal tragedy. To the end, the father insists on seeing Stephen as his son, and he forces Stephen's hand in completing the awful karmic filial duty. Who finally kills the father is a surprise, however. But let it be known that the Virginas are fully avenged!

Virgina is a moving morality tale, superbly acted, intimately filmed, and evocative of time and place. The other characters, besides Stephen's family, were beautifully drawn. The moments shared between Stephen (both as a boy and secretly as a girl) with the neighbor boy Miat, were poignant and memorable in their treatment of adolescent sexual curiosity and exploration.

Virgina is one of the best films to come out of the San Francisco International Film Festival, and it brought both tears and applause from its full-house audiences. It seems a pretty sure bet that this film will be screened again and will be picked up for distribution in the near future. Watch for it.

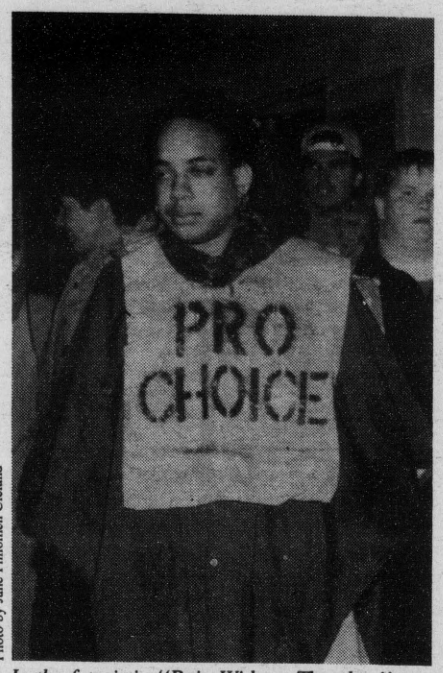
Rain Without Thunder

At a correctional facility in upstate New York, a woman and her daughter are each serving a seven-year prison sentence for "fetal murder," a new legal term for abortion. The mother, Beverly Goldring, was charged as a co-conspirator in the case.

Up until now, it's been the practice of rich women to leave the nation in order to illegally terminate their pregnancies. It's mostly been poor women of color who serve time for the crime of fetal murder. Racial resentment among the inmates at the facility which is holding the "fairhead" Goldrings has been mounting.

Originally it was solely the back-alley terminators who were brought to trial and convicted in cases of fetal murder, but as more women began taking on the often lethal procedures of self-termination, the legislators expanded the code to include self-termination as a felony. In the Goldring case, the wealthy Beverly Goldring and her daughter Alison have been charged and convicted under a new law which is aimed at preventing rich women from running to places like Sweden to have abortions. The Goldring case is a test case for a statute which has recently become constitutional law, whereby any woman traveling out of the country for the purposes of obtaining an abortion shall be charged with the kidnapping of an unborn fetus. According to the Black female prosecuting attorney who is handling this controversial case for the state of New York, the new law works well at equalizing the otherwise racially unequal treatment of women who terminate their pregnancies.

This is the theme of a new film, *Rain Without Thunder*, shot as a frighteningly believable docu-drama. This dramatized fiction makes too much sense. The film follows the abortion controversy to its legalistic parameters as it examines the maneuvering of the American political decision-making process. This is America in the year 2042 A.D., a time when abortion has already been made illegal under a constitutional amendment. The film uncovers the story of the Goldrings through the work of an investigative female reporter. The reporter unravels the personal, political and historical conditions which led to the fictional Goldrings' convictions.



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In the futuristic "Rain Without Thunder," pro choice demonstrations, like the local BACORR demo pictured above, are no longer possible.

Rain Without Thunder, by director/screenwriter Gary Bennett, is certainly one of the most interesting films to date on the abortion controversy. It's a cautionary tale which warns about what could easily happen if feminists allow the Roe v. Wade decision to be chipped away bit by bit by the Supreme Court. The film warns about what could easily happen in a time of ultra-conservative backlash when people, even women, might elect a government which would take reproductive rights away. Bennett imagines a time when strict moral codes would be applied in a strong-armed attempt to take charge of the deteriorating and collapsing social and economic structure of patriarchal white America. None of his imaginings seem too far-fetched. As I write this, Los Angeles is in flames in the wake of judicial injustice, and the cover of *Newsweek* reads "Abortion Showdown—The Challenge to Roe v. Wade."

Rain Without Thunder is a film which might, in less politicized times, seem to be didactic. It might seem only to be speaking to the converted. But given the way things are going, I think it's a film which charts the nation's pulse quite accurately. It graphically describes how unbelievable things can come to happen and how they can become a conservative consensus reality.

Rain Without Thunder has some really perfect moments, as when a spokeswoman for the liberal but accommodating Atwood Society is being interviewed. The Atwood Society (great choice of name) is a kind of female protectionist group which chooses to compromise rather than to go all the way on the pro-abortion front. One of its suggestions is to take the three- or four-month fetus out of the woman's uterus and to put it up for adoption. The fetus could either be implanted in the womb of a recipient or it could be grown to birth in the laboratory. This suggestion is opposed by a priest who is interviewed next. He claims that the Atwood Society just wants to corner a liquid market in unborn fetuses for their own profit. The priest goes on to tell the interviewer that, off the cuff, one of the reasons the Church is so adamantly opposed to abortion is that it believes any fetus could possibly be the new Messiah. "What would have happened if Mary had undergone an abortion?" he asks rhetorically.

Rain Without Thunder brings up many questions, and its pseudo-documentary technique transforms fantasy into a state of acute realism. The underlying psychological tensions which develop between the award-winning ensemble cast of mother and daughter, and Alison and the boyfriend, are very well integrated into the fabric of the political content of the film.

Rain Without Thunder had its premiere at the San Francisco International Film Festival and it's scheduled to be coming out soon in commercial theaters.

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cans,'' she said, before settling in on her stool to weave her embroidered tale of life as a would-be glam girl-cum-lesbian.

Kron has made the most of exaggeration and absurdities with the Five Lesbian Brothers, who are known for taking found storylines and twisting them to their own ends—with hilarious results. Working with one's own life presents a different sort of challenge, one that Kron partially met. At times, it seemed she lost the thread of her show, which could have been tightened and trimmed.

Offering part confession, part song, Kron welcomed us to her world. Appearing in a dress and heels (and quickly removing the latter), Kron maintained an affected glamour persona for a while, but then dropped it for a conversational style. While suited to the small crowd, this did nothing to promote her take on glamour.

Anecdotes provided much of the evening's humor. Reflecting on the ''most lesbian movie ever''—*Aliens*—Kron speculated as to how it developed its lesbianness—perhaps from a lone dyke production assistant who suggested all the women get short haircuts and wear muscle Ts? The idea drew belly laughs from a crowd that sorely needed a laugh. But the scenario came out of nowhere, and then Kron went on to something else unrelated. There was no through-line to the show.

Kron was at her most effective when she deadpanned to her own lines. For example, her mocking respect for the ''legitimate theater'' came through in the very way she spoke the phrase. Facial expressions were another strong point. Kron has a rubbery face that adapts well to her circumstances. I found myself thinking of her alternately as someone's mother or a Patsy Cline look-alike. How's that for range?

The few songs, though funny, were not well-integrated. Singing, she said, is one of her dreams. The songs, though, seemed to be dropped into the show at awkward times, for no particular reason.

There were glimpses throughout of a very good show, but overall, the evening was spotty, in part because of slow pacing.

Kron could have done well with either a satire of Vegas or a confessional piece, but the mix of earnestness and glitz didn't quite work. I suspect the weak point was not having a script that she could adapt to suit her considerable talents.

CLASSICS

BY CHING CHANG

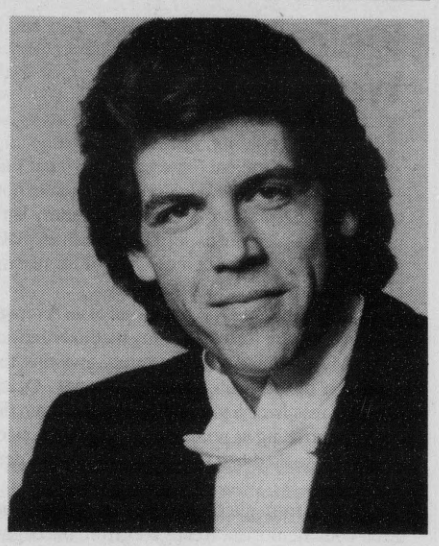
Thomas Hampson Recital at Herbst

A baritone voice such as Thomas Hampson's is probably the least complicated voice type to develop technically, and it attains tonal maturity easily. All in all, the voice type directs the singer at an earlier stage in his training to concentrate on interpretive and musical matters, thus freeing him from the tyranny of overcoming technical barriers. Listening to Thomas Hampson's recital at the Herbst Theater on April 29, one might say that he has had some very nice breaks in his career. Not only is he a baritone, but his instrument possesses a natural appeal, unique characteristics and memorable qualities. He is as tall as a pine tree, has an easy smile (almost caricaturesque) and a certain amount of personal charm. All of which undoubtedly helped him stand out amidst the crowds of baritones out there to propel him into stardom with relative ease.

The cream of his sound (what I think appeals to his audiences) comes from the round, full and effortlessly produced sound in his middle range, which is uncommonly capable of coloristic effects, even when singing above mezzo forte. Though clearly not as superb as his middle, Hampson makes good use of his upper register, and he has mastered the sustained, focused and controlled pianissimos in head voice, an absolutely essential tool for the effective delivery of German lieder and art song.

His interpretive skills, though widely hailed, seemed to slip into cliches at times, especially when a slight tendency to make things gushy became more pronounced. Yet, I don't think he is unmusical, for he is masterful in setting a proper mood for each piece performed (usually before the end of the first phrase), and if at times he has trouble pacing sudden and dramatic shifts in dynamics, these appear to be minor technical slippages rather than interpretive and conceptual ones.

Hampson opened the program with a set of Carl Loewe songs, including Loewe's setting of the



Eriking, a subdued, more theatrical but less dramatic one than Schubert's famous settings. After that he offered three lieder by Schubert, before proceeding onto a set of maudlin but well-placed selections—*L'ultimo ricordo* (an elegy from Rossini's *Sins of Old Age), Sicilienne* and *Le poete mourant* (both by Meyerbeer), which gave Hampson a chance to show off articulate, light, fast singing.

The somewhat less successful second half of the recital was devoted to American composers, as Hampson told the audience at Herbst after intermission that the rest of the program was supposed to celebrate ''the rich heritage of American song.'' One might have questioned his judgment and what that heritage might have been, considering how exotic and unrepresentative his choices were that evening. Some of the pieces were clearly not of the same caliber as others, and if Hampson's intention was to evoke early radio and musical theater pieces, his delivery was too operatic to be anywhere near authentic. Copland's *Boatman's Dance* and Damrosch's *Danny Deever*, for instance, seemed as if they had been rearranged by Puccini, and the wonderful alliterations of Griffes' *An Old Song Re-Sung* were almost lost.

In the same vein of the second half of the recital, Hampson offered three encores: *Tell Me, Oh Blue, Blue Sky*, by Italian expatriate Vittorio Gianinni and Copland's arrangement of *Long Time Ago.*

In closing the recital with the only opera selection of the program (Korngold's *Pierrots Tanzlied)*, he apologized to the audience for his cancellation of this recital three months ago (due to illness), and for the opera audience in attendance he said he had ''just made plans to return very often,'' probably meaning to the War Memorial next door.

Old Wives' Tales Events

Thurs., 5/14, 8pm—Karla E. Rosales, Sabrina Hernandez, Maria Cora, Indigo Som and **Victoria Lena Manyarrows** will be among the contributors reading their work and discussing ***Piece of My Heart: A Lesbian of Colour Anthology.***

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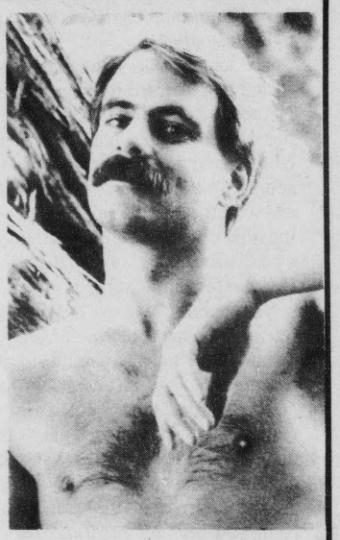

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WELCOME TO ME

BY GGREG DEBORAH TAYLOR, O.S.

Welcome to Welcome to Me

I'm a short, balding, asthmatic faggot.

Being an Opulent Superstar (O.S.) isn't all that it's cut up to be. Holding a position of notoriety in San Francisco's queer community isn't necessarily a pleasant experience, ofttimes making gathering places such as Cafe Flore resemble a reunion of the Donner Party.

I consider myself to be somewhat of an Average Joe, though a bit scattered in my methods and actions. My room is a textile swamp, awaiting the invention of the riding vacuum cleaner. Occasionally, fossilized broccoli is unearthed from the depths, surfacing as no surprise. Off to one side, my glitter-soaked bed is a source of nightly dermabrasion.

But aside from glamour debris, my room is littered with memories. Keepsakes from the beginnings of the cultural-activism group Boy with Arms Akimbo, flyers from Club Chaos at the Crystal Pistol, and posters from my childhood lost at the dragstrip surround me.

I find myself reminiscing about the not-so-distant past, before the media and suburban gays discovered the urban queer underground scene, the days before boldface (B.B.F.).

Photo by Daniel Nicoletta

Bitter but beautiful. Ggreg Taylor walks away in disgust and defeat, knowing his outfit is not nearly as preposterous as those worn by the help behind the counter.

Queers traditionally reinvent themselves. When making the transition from the straight world to the shadow land of homosexuality, we are provided the opportunity to take on a new persona, a new name, a historically revisionist past. I am an extreme example.

Celebutantes are no one without the validation of the media, and though there are those who would call me a media whore, I persist in correcting them. I am a media hobbyist. Along with validation, ink brings power, and a column is cheaper than therapy.

Notoriety also brings confusion. In public I am briefly introduced to probably 60 people each week. Though people look familiar to me, often we have had no interaction, merely the familiarity of shared experiences. I am horrible with names and equally bad with faces, thus everyone becomes "Blossom." It's much easier that way. Forgetting the context in which I have met people adds to my bafflement. Are they from Seattle, New York, a temp assignment, Cafe Flore? Or did we have vertical sex?

Knowing you are a topic of conversation among strangers is both amusing as well as disturbing. In public, strangers often approach me and compliment me on my column, reimmersing into the crowd before they have registered in my mind. In the Financial District, suits have approached me to ask what the O.S. on my name stands for. On temping assignments, I've watched queens whispering by the photocopier. I've received countless grief from outsiders for not coming out to my father in Spokane, as mentioned in a previous column. Privacy is usurped, by choice and by circumstance—not that I don't love it, but it is a tad disconcerting.

Rumors are fabulous byproducts of fame. I recently heard that I am a 34-year-old speed freak. I love that. Especially since it was one of my 12 roommates with whom I was talking. *The Buzz Tattler* trashed me in one of its first issues, much to my amusement, decrying me for purifying the air at a party for Lypsinka by wearing too much perfume. It was obvious that the writer was only reporting insubstantial dish and had not been present. Speed Stick is my scent of choice.

I set out years ago to become an Opulent Superstar, and from my experiences can offer some simple, yet useful tips on achieving similar status.

Tricks 'n Tips:

1. Change your name to something memorable.
2. Say your own name a lot.
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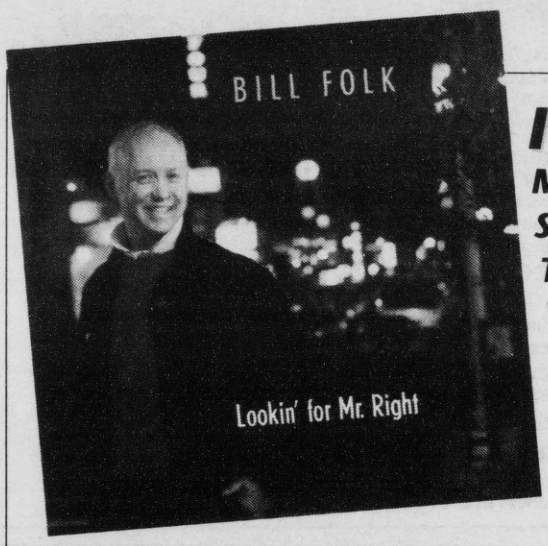
The biggest disadvantage to notoriety is sex, or rather, its absence. It's easier to pick up on someone you've just met than someone you already know. Most people I'm interested in already know me, whether I know them or not. Thus, I've only tricked once from a gay bar since the late '80s. I find people to whom I am attracted intimidating, and, as a local figure, I suppose I am probably myself a source of intimidation. There is



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something to be said for overt objectification.

Perspective becomes blurred at night. But reality invades regularly enough to remind me that little of it really matters. Amusing memories are often merely temporal, dropping to the floor to be forgotten in my textile marsh, alongside press releases, wigs and computer paper. But photos are forever.

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Griffin...

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gay people. Otherwise, it's a personal decision. Outing is a violence I don't think we should do to each other.

In everything we do, we need to provide an example as well as protest. One of the things that grounded the movement of the '60s is that we ceased to provide an example of what we were talking about. We started to act in a way that was disrespectful towards others and towards life.

We can't afford to ignore government, because it affects us on every level, including, most crucially, health: not only how do we pay our medical bills; how do we stay healthy in an environment that has become seriously toxic? We have an epidemic cancer rate. I have a disease of the immune system that is epidemic. The medical establishment in the first few years of its discovery did everything they could to deny that it existed. Now it's become very clear that it exists.

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It's been dismissed in the past; does that have to do with the fact that somebody/government doesn't want to take responsibility for the environmental factors involved?

I'm not sure that is a conspiratorial factor, but just an unthinking kind of atmosphere: ohmygawd, let's not have a picture assembled that we have all these diseases of immunity.

The government has been absolutely irresponsible in their conduct with AIDS. It's the same thing with CFIDS. When Congress mandated money to study CFIDS, their primary researcher kept trying to establish that this disease was neurotic, psychosomatic. Not only did the NIH allow the study to proceed without controls, it was quoted in the media. Nobody checked its authenticity. When somebody else did a control group to match the first study, they discovered that the degree of psychological problems among the people who suffered from CFIDS was no higher than in the general population. The original study defined people as having a psychological problem if they had seen a therapist once in their life.

Once?!

Yeah. I mean, for chrissakes, it's a way of life here in California. You're considered unbalanced if you don't see a therapist.

I read "Pornography and Silence" in Made From This Earth. *What about the issue of censorship? There seems to be a particular focus these days on outlaw groups like rappers and Mapplethorpe.*

I'm against any attempt to legally censor pornography. It's not censorship to picket a record store or a bookshop that sells pornography. There are some instances in which you shouldn't settle matters in court, because the end result down the line isn't what you'd wish it to be, to restrict the imagination. You can't rely on people interpreting these laws in the way that you wish them to, even if you make them very specific.

There is a moral issue here that's important to address, but it's very dangerous to write it into law. Child pornography ought to be against the law. That's a hard one to define, because some of Mapplethorpe's pictures were nude photographs of children. I didn't find them pornographic. I do find Mapplethorpe's point of view consistent with the masculinized ethos and eros of our society, which is intrinsically, at root, pornographic. That doesn't mean I'd want Mapplethorpe to be censored. I'd like everybody to see Mapplethorpe's photographs and then have a good discussion, open and honest, one that isn't homophobic: looking at the racism in his work, sexism, objectification, sadomasochism and self-hatred; and moving away from denial, really confronting ourselves as a people.

One of the most serious problems is to revive in people a sense to be responsible for your own actions; live in an ethical, moral fashion. People confuse the word moral with being a prude, or against sex, against pleasure or nudity. Let there be lots of nudity, sex, homosexuality. We're not talking about that morality, but once you throw out the Victorian idea of morality, it doesn't mean we shouldn't have any morality. For instance, it's immoral to misuse the resources of the planet because people suffer and die; animals, plants, the earth suffers. The production of pornography is immoral; it's the same thing as polluting the atmosphere. You might as well be throwing PCBs into the atmosphere as to throw some of these images into the culture. Women are the ones who are harmed by the violence. To have to live with that fear is a terrible abuse.

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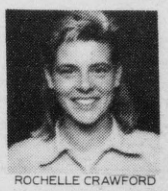

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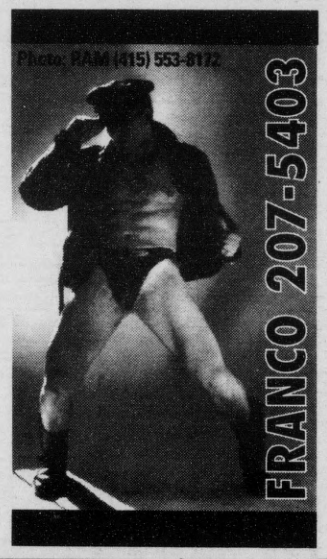

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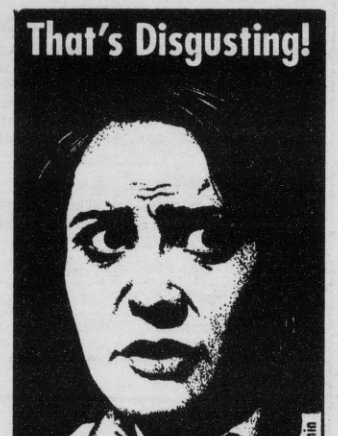

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I'm 31 y.o., 5'6", 160#, with long dark blonde hair & dimples—guess which cheeks. This SF resident into skimming all lifestyles, laughter, pharmaceutical wonders & Jerry. Our shared interests might include: concerts, dinner out, limo lust, hot tubs, hot endless sex for homemade movies—you provide the camera, I provide the camerawomyn. My rich submissive husband must give massage, as well as other pleasures. My bodacious ta-tas await your leather-clad grasp. Your best investment ever! Call ★★7503.

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Dept. of Asian Affairs
"Married" GWF with a passion for Asian women seeks daytime dissipation with golden girl(s). I am: androgynous in a handsome/pretty way, 5'4", 125#, blue hell in the sheets, and partial to long hair. Leave a msg. and let's see if any chemistry develops. Call ★★7505.

What's a Nice Lesbian Like You...
Reading an ad like this? If you possess a great sense of humor, positive outlook, psychological sensitivity, sincerity, physical and mental fitness, attractiveness, dating-readiness, dancing heart and feet (especially C/W), then you are reading romance! Author: Mid-Peninsula, 40, 5'1", professional. Reader: 30-50, professional, match the qualities above, take excellent care of yourself. Photo appreciated. Lt/no alcohol; no S/M. Reply BT Box MY1A or call ★★7506.

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Spin the Bitch
Wanted, soft butch to kick up my heels with! (No not that way, yet!) Would enjoy a country/western dance partner who is equally comfortable leading and following. Seeking fun, friendship and lots of dancing. I am 36 y.o. professional GWF, 5'4", medium build. The rest? You decide. Communication, honesty and taking good care of myself are a priority. Will appreciate someone with same values. Light drinking okay, no drugs or heavy drinkers please. Friendship is most important—anything extra would be a bonus. See you on the dance floor! Reply BT Box MY4A or call ★★7509.

Are You a Real Butch?
Not a wannabe? I am a 38-yr.-old femme who is assertive but likes authority at times. I am appreciative of art, music, dance and identify with my Jewish heritage. I would like to meet women with brains and the psyche of James Dean. Together we would be spontaneous, passionate and comfortable physically. Please no vocational problems. If you are strong and sweet please call ★★7510.

To the Only Woman I've Been In Love With—
I wish it didn't have to end. I truly thought it would last forever. I wish March 21st had never come. You see, it hurts so much, it aches to close my eyes. You walked away in the end, with a promise before that our relationship was worth it. You gave me your word, and I believed you. For all the women I have loved, I have never loved another as much as I loved you. I don't think you'll ever really know how much you've hurt me or how much I loved you. LA. Call ★★7511.

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... and I'm on for the ride." Androgynous-on-the-edge-of-butch woman wants to wrap her long legs around... your motorcycle seat! I'm leaving SF for an undetermined period of time soon and want this year's Parade to be the most memorable. Don't ride down Market alone—take me with you! Afterwards, I will take you to an SF restaurant of your choice (one that considers jeans and boots appropriate attire, of course). And if the night gets heavy, perhaps we'll take a ride of a different kind. Write (don't forget to enclose a phone number): Boxholder, PO Box 29803, Oakland 24604 or call ★★7512.

Intimacy Reconsidered, Explained
I am taking a look at my programming regarding sex, love and intimacy. Many "relationships" between women are based on patriarchal models which are not appropriate for us. Rather than question these models many women try to modify themselves to fit into these models and feel crazy and inadequate because they can't. Come on, women, we are much bigger than that. Beautiful, fun-loving, active, physically fit & creative GBF, 32, seeks loving, progressive women for intimate friendships. 2261 Market St., #235, SF 94114 or call ★★7513.

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Gonna Have Fun
You might as well join in! 43 prof., therapied, catharsised; transition. Now, can we have a life? Conversation; sharing... has anyone in our society figured out that these things are absolutely necessary to keep a relationship going? If you have, call, write; I give as well as I get. I've got a whole bunch stored up for you. So, let's do it! Reply BT Box MY6A or call ★★7515.

Looking for a Best Friend
Working is my passion, playing is my omission. If you like to birdwatch, ramble, go to movies, theater, concerts, crafts and street fairs, flea market, cat-horse shows, guided walking tours, take drives, camping. I am in my mid-forties, professional, entrepreneur, cat-loving, gay, dangler in S/M, sensitive to abuse issues, like to talk straight, not looking for a lover (taken), and financially fit. I am looking for similar women to hang out with and be a playmate. Reply BT Box MY7A or call ★★7516.

Low Key, Hard Working
Feminist, professional, 38, seeks new friends for hikes, film, etc. I enjoy good books, good conversation, a good laugh, and having my neurotransmitters ignited on a romantic evening. I've been around and am ready to settle down with a special, self-aware woman. In the meantime, I enjoy my life and would like to bring new friends into it. Reply BT Box MY8A or call ★★7517.

Woman Seeking Women
Asian, mid-30s, looking for gay friends to go out to movies, dinners. Also looking for a partner and soulmate that understands what commitment and relationship means. Enjoy candlelight dinners, fireplaces, like to cuddle, caring and understanding, not much in sex. Hate liars, materialistic, one-night stand, dykes. Kids are OK. 30-45 preferred. No bisexual. Reply BT Box MY9A.

Cut to the Chase
I'm searching for a partner to share my life and hers. I'm a professional, 47, reasonably attractive, interested in personal growth, travel, music & film, generally delighting in life. You are 40-55, financially and emotionally stable, willing to work at commitment. We've dealt with our "issues" and are ready for a deep, mature relationship that is enriching on many levels. Please no smokers, drugs, heavy alcohol. East Bay preferred. Reply BT Box MY10A.

Alive and Well At...
40!! I'm open-minded, affectionate, friendly, communicative, fun-loving. Seeking lesbian(s) (30-45) to date and possibly more. Attracted to women who are physically fit, communicate well and have a good sense of humor. Enjoy being sensual/sexual and do not abuse subtances. I love sci-fi, movies that move me, cuddling, kissing, soft caresses, dancing (cheek-to-cheek), walking, camping, life and... women. Reply BT Box MY11A or call ★★7518.

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Santa Cruz Lesbian
Seeks lesbian for sharing, caring, walks & talks. I'm 38, you're 35+. Into intimacy, fun, travel, we're healthy and adventurous. NS, ND, NA. I enjoy bicycling, movies, books, music, ready for a relationship, let's meet. Write me at Boxholder, PO Box 3526, Santa Cruz 95063 or call ★★7520.

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Health care professional, 30. Funny, intelligent, a little shy. I enjoy reading, movies, music (classical, rock, R&B), Golden Gate Park, libraries, animals, comedy, musical theater, chocolate, talking politics. I'm looking for someone smart and sweet, 25+, any race. Book-lovers, cat-lovers very welcome. I don't smoke, but you can. Reply BT Box MY12A.

Seeking Long-term Friends
GF 29 seeking others to form lasting friendships with, explore life with and laugh with. I am looking for people who know how to communicate, who have figured out who they are & like themselves anyway, who are committed to creating their own happiness and who are passionate and involved in those things that matter to them. Those who like eating out, eating in, road trips, sailing, movies & theater, long conversations and the outdoors. Who, like me, possess and value honesty, mental & physical health, independence and a willingness to communicate. I am nonsmoker, non-drinker, great sense of humor, a gentle playful spirit and a passion for life. If you feel that you have just as much to contribute to a friendship, then call ★★7521.

Lifetime Partner Wanted
Searching for that special someone to share my life with. We'll share a large home, food, etc., no bills to pay! Will treat you like the precious, loving person you are. I'm very sensitive, pretty and lonely. I pray to heaven above that you will end my search. Please relocate to beautiful Alabama with me. We could live together like two loving angels. Reply BT Box MY13A or call ★★7522.

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Shy, intelligent individual, respects boundaries; perpetual student, college graduate; survivor, inexperienced dater, undeveloped artist; 41 y.o.; modest financial stability; Capricorn/Aquarius, Gemini Moon, Venus-trine; nature lover, literature, music (Women's Philharmonic?), occasionally compassionate, intellectual conversationalist, verbally silly; NS, unaddicted, soft-bush, autonomous limit setter occasionally says "yes." Want similar: emotionally stable, accepting, handsome, non-boyish, trustworthy, independent thinker into mutual sexual exploration, soft-love/SM, unconventional safe fun. Reply BT Box MY14A.

Busy? Me Too!
Mid-30s professional, too busy for commitment; too lonely to live without some lovin'. Seeking a regular-sized lady for weekend dating fun, touch, maybe more. I'm psychologically-minded; emotionally intense, physically fit, and slightly butch. No drugs, smoking & drink minimally. Prefer dating women on the Peninsula or South Bay; will travel for the right chemistry! Love the outdoors, beach & romance! Call ★★7523.

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Butch mensch seeks someone as complex and eclectic as me! I love Bette Midler and John Coltrane and love to sit at the kitchen table eating bagels and arguing over politics. I want a femme with grit as well as grace, who is not afraid of her passion (or mine)... I'm irreverent, corny & have both feet on the ground. I've been sober for over 10 years and I've worked my ass off. I'm 35, very attractive and I can't help cheating at Scrabble (only when I'm losing). Call ★★7525.

You Don't Have to Break the Bed To Get My Attention
I'm 34, and am genuinely nice, humorous, bedroom-eyed, slightly shy, Jewish, MBA'd, and independent. I love bicycling, gymming, doggie walks, movies and camping. If you're 30-40, humorous also (no kidding!), incredibly honest, forthright with and passionate about your feelings, sensitive (but not overly), love yourself—but not obsessed, (No smokers/drug users) reply BT Box MY15A.

Touch My Nerve
30-year-old femme tomboy seeks mature woman of my own age or up to share unlimited pleasures with. I do believe in long-term monogamous relationships, but I also do know that it takes compatibility, time and patience between the two of us to reach the higher level. I will give you some facts about myself and hope that you will recognize some or most of them: very cute, blue eyes and blond hair, ambitious, financially independent, intelligent, fabulous lover, loyal friend, funny, honest and constantly working on my personal growth—in all modesty... Favorite activities: anything adventurous in nature (please read between the lines). Get dressed for a nice dinner—any food goes. Sports include racquetball, swimming, skiing, but I am athletic and you can talk me into anything. Laugh and cry at the movies, long slow dances and kisses are fundamental for romance, but together we can be creative without limits. Where do I want to be in ten years? Sucking oysters in the sunset after a long day on the beach with you and "our" dogs. I would love to get a letter from you who feel excited by now, or you can leave a message and I will get right back to you. Reply BT Box MY16A or call ★★7526.

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Have a little knowledge of many subjects, but my consciousness is hardly superficial. Professional, Bay Area native (40, 5'6", br/br, average appearance/condition). Enjoy exploring SF, country excursions, bicycling, music, art, comedy, theater, reading, cooking, friends and family. Seeking attractive, interested woman of similar background, with eclectic tastes and sense of humor, for bike rides, walks, spirited conversations, afternoon museum strolls, evenings out, and other adventures. Reply BT Box MY17A or call ★★7527.

Shiddich Wanted
No matchmaker available for nice Jewish woman seeking 30ish, femme-leaning, attractive, reasonably sane, Jewish woman for friendship, possible romance, who is open to marriage and family. I am 32, attractive, educated, sane, stable, professional, 5'7", slender, androgynous. I enjoy law, cooking, music, dancing, movies, conversation, good restaurants, football and travel. Possess sense of humor, fun, sensitive, attentive, romantic, shul-goer, light drinker, non-abuser and no games. Reply BT Box MY18A or call ★★7528.

I see you leaning against the wall by the Castro Theatre, looking oh so cocky. Your eyes move slowly down my body, blatantly checking me out. I stand riveted, enjoying the attention. You motion me around in a circle; I take the dare and turn slowly, dropping my eyes strategically and picking them up deliberately, making sure you have a good view of my ass. Full circle, and I try to catch your eyes. You start to walk away. My turn to watch your swagger. When you get to the parking alley, you cock your hand, motioning me to follow. I trail behind you into the darkened alley.... Call ★★7529.

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Goddess, forthright, young 50, tall, kind, survivor, generous nature, gentle creative lover, love power of holistic health, animal/human rights, breezes, grass, high energy, laughter. You somewhat similar, giver in bed, good communicator, somewhat sane, in touch, gentle, caring, special. Call ★★7530.

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100 percent money-back guaranteed, if not fully sanitized. Bored and raised in the heart of the dairyland... lactose-intolerant. I'm non-everything, but tried it twice. Renowned for nothing and will live to regret that. Still have a shot at modeling for Emporium-Capwell's ad. Responds well to gentle prodding by sincere lesbian Romeos. Seriously in need of diversion. Call ★★7531.

Nose-Picking Slob
Seeks someone to pick up my dirty socks and wash my moldy dishes. I am looking for an egalitarian, sharing relationship as long as you always do what I say. I drool in bed, snore, and have a bladder problem. I'm rude, pushy, irresponsible and moody. I leave hair in the shower and the cap off the toothpaste. Join me for crackers in bed. Call ★★7532.

I Know You're Out There
... but I haven't found you yet! I'm warm, loving, independent, emotionally stable, mid-forties. Sometimes intense, with a strong sense of humor. I value intimacy, honesty, direct communication. I enjoy literature, music, long walks, long talks, good friends, good food, good times.

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OOH! THIS BURNS ME UP! HAVEN'T WE GOTTEN ANYWHERE IN THE LAST TWENTY YEARS ?!
NOW WHAT ?
LOOKIT!
THE GLAMOROUS GUERILLA GIRLS! IT'S BACK!
HUH! NOT ON THIS VOLUPTUOUS VESSEL O' VENUS IT AIN'T.
IT'S A PLOT! WHAT'LL IT BE NEXT? "FABULOUS FOOTBINDING?!" "CAPTIVATING CLITORIDECTOMIES?"
WELL, WHAT DO YOU EXPECT? IT WORKS. TEACHING WOMEN TO HATE THEIR BODIES IS A GREAT WAY TO DISTRACT US FROM GOING ON PATRIARCHY-SMASHING RAMPAGES. GIRLS ARE STARTING TO DIET IN FOURTH GRADE.
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DIDJA KNOW THOSE BREAST IMPLANTS DEADEN SENSATION IN THE NIPPLE? WOMEN ARE SACRIFICING THEIR SEXUAL PLEASURE FOR A SOCIETALLY APPROVED BRA SIZE!
WELL, IT'S ALL IN GOOD FUN. THOSE MEN DOCTORS LOVE TO CUT A GAL UP.
TELL ME ABOUT IT. I REMEMBER WHEN I SLEPT WITH MEN. BIRTH CONTROL WAS SUCH A MESS. HORMONES WITH SIDE EFFECTS, INFECTION-CAUSING DEVICES, SPERMICIDAL CHEMICALS...
NOW I FIND OUT THAT MALE BIRTH CONTROL IS A HUNDRED TIMES SIMPLER. BESIDES CONDOMS AND VASECTOMIES, A GUY CAN SIMPLY TAKE REGULAR HOT BATHS OR WEAR SNUG UNDERWEAR!
AND TAMPER WITH HIS MANLY BODILY FUNCTIONS? GOD FORBID!
I JUST READ ABOUT A NEW FEMALE CONDOM WOMEN CAN WEAR. IT'S MORE COMPLICATED AND EXPENSIVE, OF COURSE, BUT NOW A WOMAN DOESN'T HAVE TO RISK THE GUY'S WRATH BY ASKING HIM TO WEAR ONE.
ALTHOUGH IF THE SUPREME COURT HAS ITS WAY, SHE MIGHT HAVE TO ASK HIS PERMISSION TO GET AN ABORTION.
SHALL WE CONTINUE?
SHE'S GONNA GET INK ALL OVER HER TEETH AGAIN.

Pretty sunsets and romantic dinners. I'm looking for a like-minded, intelligent SF woman, 40-55, willing to work on a healthy, monogamous relationship. Someone who loves to laugh but isn't frightened by tears, and is affectionate, compassionate, and emotionally generous. As my mother would say, a "mensch." Light alcohol OK, no smoking or drugs please. Call ★★7533.

Old Expert Wanted
Expertise in almost any field—writing, research, sailing, ecology, piano, cooking, law—turns me on. I'm newly retired, ready to create a new life of love, creativity, nature, and friends—your place or ours. Traveling in May. I'll be back in June. Call ★★7534.

Not Enough Hours
In the day to suit me! I'm passionate about life and want to maximize every minute. Interests are many and varied including music (the gamut), dancing (novice C&W), sports, books. I'm 35, incredibly energetic and healthy in all respects. Busy professional life, p.t. graduate student. I'd like to meet kind-hearted, intelligent, athletic, emotionally stable, ambitious women who love kids (I have two). Call ★★7535.

Very Delightful
Jewish lesbian, 30s, desires intimate, joyful, passionate adventure. Graduate school and work keep my brain humming. I'd like to add my heart and body to the equation. I appreciate open-heartedness, whimsy, honesty, awareness, pleasure, family, community, marigolds, fun, balance, humor. I'm occasionally profound and frequently silly, sweet, well-versed emotionally, skilled at partnership, sometimes alert to possibility each moment presents. How about you? Call ★★7536.

In 70 Words or Less...
I am 35, Jewish, lesbian, political activist/fundraiser (health and women's issues), intelligent, interested in sports (especially Cal and Stanford women's hoops) and music. Favorite reading: NYT and People, Singer: Bonnie, Soap: AMC. I like mountain biking, hiking, golf, tennis, playing with my dog. Not sure about this ad business, but giving it a try. Let me know about you! Reply BT Box MY19A or call ★★7537.

I'm Gonna Try This Again
Cuz it still sucks being single! Short, cute, curvy, 25, cigarette smoker, social beer drinker, decent pool-player. I love all music but prefer Live 105 or KUSF. I like dancing, osento, good gigs, movies, performance art & andro-butch womyn who are optimistic and have a good emotional disposition. Not vegetarian, PC or athletic. No bi girls with boyfriends please. Call ★★7538.

For Girls Who Like Girls Who Wear Glasses
Voluptuous, vivacious, fit, friendly, fun, globe-trottin' GBF, 24, seeks cute "friend" for dining out (unless you can cook, I can't), all of the usual indoor and outdoor activities, and some new ones we can invent. I'm interested in brainy (glasses a plus), physically fit, drug-free, witty, attractive, irreverent lesbians of any race in their 20s-40s with a wicked sense of humor. Reply BT Box MY20A or call ★★7539.

19-Year-Old Femme Looking for Company
Are there any mature women out there who can appreciate a 19-year-old lesbian with a good head on her shoulders? I always hear, "You're too young" or "Just wait a few years." I'm tired of "waiting," now is the time for some action! Yes, I am young, but that never has stood in the way of a good thing. Call ★★7540.

Smart Humble Women: Light My Fire!
Femme of center lefty politico with appetite for intellectual life seeks companions for probing conversation, mutual hand-wringing, political strategizing, and gleeful distractions from it all. You are 30ish to 40ish, never cynical or ambivalent about loving women, and eager to explore the mind/body connection. Amateur musicians, gardeners, cooks, mechanics, naturalists, athletes and carpenters especially welcome. Arrogance, elitism, smoking, your pet's fleas and long fingernails especially unwelcome. Call ★★7541.

I Want to Fk Lois (Dykes to Watch Out For)**
... But then, I'm very shy and usually "shut down" around strangers. Maybe you can help. I sure hope so (and so do all my friends who are tired of hearing me gripe)! I'm 21, cute, 5', 107, femmish, not into heavy butch, roles, SM. I'm very picky, which is why I'm in this mess, but I'm hoping I'll get lucky this time. Write PO Box 9229, Oakland 94613-0229 or call ★★7542.

Still Single
And I know why—I'm particular! I'm 30, butch, honest, sweet, smart and funny. I love hiking, animals, music, eating great food, all kinds of books, nonsmokers and wonderful, witty, femme dykes. Let's talk and see if the chemistry is right. East Bay preferred. Call ★★7543.

San Pablo, CA Lesbo
Newly (out) lesbian, 33-yr.-old mom, student/future writer, seeks friendship and cuddling companions. I'd like someone to walk with through the woods, on the pier, watching the sunset. You: black or white "makes no difference." I'm new at this but definitely a lesbian. I'm caring, gentle and seeking others who are the same. Let's be friends. I'm also unique and funny. I'm it? Call ★★7544.

Bodacious Butt
Needs firm yet loving hand for romantic adventures. 27-yr.-old femme desires a handsome, gallant butch to take me dancing, dining, hiking and exploring the countryside. I am attractive, intelligent and sensitive. You are versatile, self-aware, expressive and have a healthy appetite for sex. Call ★★7545.

Pondering Jew
Film-loving, TV-loathing, tenderhearted, 37, vehemently opposed to lesbian bed-death, seeks to date smart, sophisticated women over 30, who like live jazz, dining out (on a budget), foreign travel, cheap trips to Reno and other urban pleasures. Reply BT Box MY21A or call ★★7546.

Country Monastic Seeks Change
Poet, writer, professional, spiritual seeks contacts with similars for walks, talks, journeys. International interests. Lives in Russian River. Must like cat and tolerate smoking, good food, music, dancing, travel. 40s & 50s preferred. Write PO Box 177, Villa Grande 95486 or call ★★7547.

Aural Invitation
Strong, lean, 29, unafraid, provocative, aware, self-disciplined, erotic, tribal, writer, backpacker, a bit serious but easily amused, love kids, seeking similar women for journeys of heart & soul, mind and body. Call ★★7548.

Women
East Bay African American, 40, long hair, feminine, new to family, with wide assortment of tastes and interests (including Sun. mornings in bed with Pete's and Joe Bob Briggs) seeks: independent, considerate someone who will bring to the table her own smorgasbord of interests. Friendless, hairy-pitted, buzz cut leather babes or the emotionally needy need not respond. Call ★★7549.

Looking for a Weekend Home in the Country?
Long-term lesbian professional couple, ages 52 and 38, with 20 acre weekend farm in very isolated, beautiful mountain valley 3½ hours north of SF (Round Valley in northeast Mendocino County) would like to interest other lesbians and gays in buying property so we can have some company! Real estate is very cheap, the scenery is spectacular, outdoor recreation is bountiful. Call ★★7550.

Do You Want to Date?
I know what I do not want more so than what I want. Interests include movies, reading, plays, music, tennis, basketball and racquetball. I'm not the wining and dining type, I'm more interested in an egalitarian friendship. I'm a 35-yr.-old African American and seek to date others of my race between the ages of 33 and 43. Let's meet and get to know each other. Call ★★7551.

Discover Me
Those I have loved say I have great inner strength and a sweet, gentle nature. But these are qualities to discover. At first blush you will meet a headstrong, humorous, anti-racist, endomorphic, educated white feminist, 32, who understands the importance of long, easy afternoons of conversation and contentment. I love well-cooked meals, steamy saunas, dramatic cloudscapes, urban adventures and engaging dialogue. Looking to date, not mate. Prefer letters. Reply BT Box MY22A.

Freundschaft Friendship Amitie Amicizia Amistad!
Just came back from a year in Europe, met women from all over the world. Hard decision to return—in other countries friendship contains a deeper connection and commitment than I've experienced before. Willingness to thoughtfully communicate, actively participate in each others' daily lives, in a way that's normally reserved (over here) For Lovers Only. It's definitely easier here to start casual conversations, become acquainted. But what happens then? All too often we're swept along by culturally defined norms and limitations that stop us from being close. Especially if (like me, until a few years ago) we've never had the chance to learn that other possibilities exist. Friendship has a life and chemistry all its own; it requires time to flourish and certainly can't be forced. I miss the daily closeness, shared hugs, the basic assumption that true friendship is perhaps the greatest gift that life has to offer. Is it possible here, too??? Air-mail letters, no matter how wonderful, simply aren't a substitute for Here and Now. Anyone out there know what I mean? Share the same values and commitments, yearning for more? Like to get together for coffee and find out what else we might have in common? Letters happily received at BT Box MY23A or call ★★7552.

Songwriter Seeks Inspiration...
Someone fun, creative, sports-loving and irreverent who wants a good balance between lover and friend, enjoys cuddling, and freely expresses her emotions. I'm a woman of great intensity, and seriously pursuing a singing/writing career; spontaneous in many ways, yet also enjoy planning things: concerts, galleries, comedy shows, photography, street fairs, ball games, dancing, travel. Athletic pursuits include softball, golf, tennis, swimming and biking, among others. I'm stocky but muscular in the right places (broad shoulders & strong legs), mid-30s, playful, explorer type; somewhat butch build, yet very much a woman, pretty with make up, handsome without. I love the colors teal, black & purple, the scents of vanilla and coconut. This good cook is an affectionately genuine friend and partner. When the chemistry's right, I love "nights in shining amour." I'm most attracted to intelligent, active, outgoing women late 20s to early 30s, with a comfortable tomboy/woman balance, 5'4" +, med. to stocky, who are honest and warm. If a new adventure sounds intriguing, I await your reply. Reply BT Box MY24A or call ★★7553.

Passion and Presence
Ninety percent of the people in the world are too busy searching for meaning outside themselves to stay in appreciation and gratitude. Do your friends think you're weird because you smile, see the good in situations, are frustrated by superficial conversations and pride yourself in knowing what you want in bed? Me too. Intelligent, spiritual nonsmoker, 30 y.o. lover of life invites you to experience joyous integrity in the midst of a 45-minute kiss that does not diminish with time. Reply BT Box MY25A or call ★★7554.

Desperately Seeking
Cute blond. Saw you at GT's Raw Rave. Actually told you so. I thought I was crazy for being so bold, until you touched my arm and smiled. Remember? I wore a "dyke" outfit (ripped jeans, suspenders) and have brown eyes & long brown hair. Lost you in the crowd later on. Not looking for anything heavy—light fun, maybe just friendly. Want to talk some more? Prefer written reply—hope to hear from you. Reply BT Box MY26A.

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Eurasian Blue-Eyed Bi Male
Exotic looking, 24, student (AA drama/acting, College of Marin, finishing up G.E. for UC transfer—major undecided), healthy, wholesome, self-employed and doing fine, seeks female or bi-female, 20s-30s, for the obvious: friendship and possible tender loving relationship. Students, performance artists, dancers, intelligent models, bodyworkers, etc., should definitely reply, yet all are welcome, of course. PO Box 32, Kentfield 94914 or call ★★7555.

Right Time, Write Place
I like music and art and museums,/ And camping (my tent blocks no-see-ums)./ I like reading and writing,/ And find life exciting,/ But this 32-year-old, healthy bi white male has found that chatting with salespeople while shopping for furniture isn't really the best way to meet people here. I'm new to SF and would like to find someone to share films and meals, explore the city and area, compare notes on perception and reality, and enjoy creatively safe sex with. So if you're also friendly liberal and enjoy life, why not respond to this ad, and let's see if we can make good use of our limited temporal per diems. Reply Suite 155, 1459 18th St., SF 94107 or call ★★7556.

Slender Bi A/F?
If you're feminine & fit, healthy & happy, brilliant & creative both between the ears and between the sheets, this active, ethical, handsome, SWBiM, 5'9", 155, 40, counterpart wants to meet you. Sense of humor essential. Extra points for a dazzling smile, killer eyes, breasts to die for, a provocative imagination, if family is important & once a day is not enough. Prefer enduring relationship... probably more. PO Box 835, San Bruno 94066 or call ★★7557.

Submissive
29-year-old heavy metalist with girl's haircut, killer ass, girl's legs, money, veins and brains to match seeks sexy, lean female to use strap-on dildo on him in exchange for whatever her heart desires. Axl outlaw looks with personality to match. Looking for long-term relationship. HIV-. Call ★★7558.

Guy in Heels and Hose
Seeks passion, punishment, penetration from strap-it-on, take charge kind of woman who likes her man in lingerie and on the receiving end. I'm 40, attractive, in-shape, very masculine, submissive, eager to please and very oral. Not passable but great legs and ass in 5 inch heels, panties and stockings. Inquiries from guys and couples OK. Call ★★7559.

Seeking Bi Teddy Bear
28-year-old BiWM physician, straight-acting and discreet, is looking for heavyset bi guy, furry front and back, for casual safe play. You are in your 30s, very straight-acting, HIV-. Balding and belly laughs are pluses! I'm 5'10", smooth, athletic, and I get chased by men and women, so I guess I'm good-looking. I'm into good books, blues and the outdoors. Send letter with photo to Suite 109, 1442a Walnut St., Berkeley 94709.

Watch Me
Strip me. Spank me. Tease me. Spread me. Fuck me. Whip me. Jerk me. Lick me. Bite me. Slap me. Fondle me. Torture me. Touch me. Do what you will with me. WM seeking females and male/female couples and pre-ops for your pleasure and mine. Mild to wild. HIV- only. Safe sex only. Call ★★7560.

You Want It All?
Are you a woman who resents having to alternately give up females and males? Explore the possibilities of a balanced, committed, loving relationship with affectionate bisexual WF, 32, and WM, 27. We are seeking an intelligent woman, not a "plaything," to aim for an eventual equal partnership in fully integrated triadic relationship. Friendship first. Please be a playful nonsmoker, very comfortable expressing emotions—and ready to be showered with tenderness and creative romance! We enjoy humor, good communication, creativity, honesty, sensuality, joie de vivre. Interests include: hot springs, gardening, hiking, cooking, sailing, nude recreation, massage, singing, arts, dancing, erotica, science fiction, photography, tropical islands, dining out. "Don't dream it—be it!" PO Box 12544, Berkeley 94701 or call ★★7561.

3-Way Curious
Seeking young (25-35), slim, attractive (inside & out) bisexual WF to explore 3-way fun w/young couple. This is our first time and we'd like to develop a full & rich relationship w/a woman who is spiritually minded. Interests we'd love to share with a loving nonsmoker include: exploring our bodies, minds & spirits, outdoor fun, quiet times together and late night dreams. Call ★★7562.

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Jewish Lesbian Reading Group
Seeking other lesbians interested in reading books—fiction and non-fiction—on being Jewish and lesbian. I hope that the readings and discussion will focus on how this identity affects and creates our political, personal and/or spiritual lives. Write or call if interested. Reply BT Box MY600A or call ★★7575.

Heart Buddies Wanted
Recently diagnosed as having angina, I'd like to explore holistic ways of meeting this challenge. Any suggestions? Reply BT Box MY601A or call ★★7576.

Basketball
Looking for other women who want to shoot some hoops weekday evenings in the Castro. Level of play not important. I'm looking for exercise as well as new friends. Call ★★7577.

Whitewater Rafting
Individual or small group to go rafting. Options include Grand Canyon, California, Idaho or Utah Rivers. 4-7 day trip. Call ★★7578.

Sunset Rising
We're in the Avenues, south of the Park. Are you? All Inner, Outer and otherwise Sunset District lesbians, gays and bisexuals are invited to our monthly potlucks, picnics, dances, etc. Call Sunset Rising for more information. Call ★★7579.

Pro Wrestling Fanatics
GWM couple, both strong experienced pro-style wrestlers, 39/5'8"/150#/bearded/hairy, 28/5'10"/165#/blond/smooth, host hot wrestling parties in our private matroom. All sizes, races, backgrounds welcome as long as you're an active, aggressive wrestler (no spectators) into fiercely competitive no-holds-barred matches, one-on-one, tag-team. No sex, drugs or money—just good, rough, sweaty, man-to-man competition. Call ★★7580.

Parlez-Moi D'...
GWM, 33, American, fluent Francophone, would like to meet other Francophones, intermediate to advanced level. Goals include conversing strictly in French, organizing "French" gatherings, going to foreign films (not just "French" films) and then discussing our impressions (in French, bien sur). Persons of French nationality, who are friendly, are encouraged to contact me. If you're interested, leave a message. A la prochain. Call ★★7581.

Bliss Path Anyone?
I would like to talk with people who have found their calling—vocation—Bliss Path and those that haven't but are interested in discerning it with the idea that we could possibly support each other in the process and in affecting any changes we should decide to make. Call ★★7582.

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I'm Over the Bars
I'm sick of smoke and alcohol. I know there must be more to dating than bars, unfortunately my recent dates have all been barflies. I'm ready to do some different things and meet some new people, perhaps even Mr. Right. I tend to be viewed as a tall, tanned, blue-eyed, businessman, although at 31 most days I feel more like a 12-year-old. I like people who have ideas and are not afraid to share them. You should be clean-shaven, have all your hair, a nonsmoker, and not too jaded to say "Oh, what the f--k" and go for it. Reply BT Box MY70A or call ★★7597.

Wakem Up
I was crossing Sanchez St. at Market, 7 pm, 3/25. We exchanged hellos. Would you like to meet? Give me a call and check it out—let's see what happens. Reply BT Box MY71A or call ★★7598.

Great Catch in Oakland
Weekday SF prof., on my own time prefer sweats/501s, wkng on Oakland house & garden, regl pks with my dog, sci-fi to musicals, quality time with friends. Gdlkg WM, 40, 5'8", 135, hlthy HIV+, sexually tending to bottom but right chem. = versatility, lots of cuddling and kissing with a good mix of occassional mild kink/raunch. Lkng for creative, open, together & responsible man, 20s to 40s, in-shape with sense of humor. Mod. toke/smoke/drink OK. Preferences (not requirements): under 6', Oak-Berk area, body hair, muscles, attitude, musical or artist. Race not as import. as attitude, phys. appearance (I find lots of different "types" attractive). Letter w/photo appreciated or call. Reply BT Box MY72A or call ★★7599.

Playful Gladiator
Tame me... and you will possess me! Your youthful, muscular body totally engulfs me, leaving me helpless in your embrace, submissive and worshipful. I attempt in vain to escape your wrestling and martial arts holds but totally submit to your overpowering strength. Our private experience is an endless stream of creativity, intensity, sharing and fun. But you are in control! Your captive is a handsome, masculine, youthful 44 y.o. GWM professional who has achieved much and has much to share with a quality younger man. At 5'10" and 170 lbs. I possess a hard, muscular body with good definition due to intense workouts with weights and aerobics My waist is 32" and chest is 42". We both have many cultural, athletic and other interests in common, are HIV-nonsmokers, and seek a lifemate, not just a sex partner. Our shared, private fantasy can be the first step toward a unique and lasting relationship. If interested send letter, photo. Reply BT Box MY73A or call ★★7600.

Mature Asian
Young-looking Asian, slim, 44 years old, 5'7", honest, warm, easygoing with a sense of humor, nonsmoker/drinker, HIV-, is looking for relationship/friendship with caring GWM over 45 years old. I enjoy soft music, quiet times, traveling, walking, nature-loving. Please answer with phone/photo (will be returned). Reply BT Box MY74A.

Tall, Light and Handsome Redhead
6'6", 195#, 35 y.o. runner and gym-goer—new to SF and not into bar life. Massive sense of humor, healthy HIV+, Cal grad. I like athletic, wiry men of all heights and races with good or damn interesting looks—call now and hear me talk to you. I give good phone—I'm a high-quality person looking for a high-quality man. Hot relationship possibilities. Call ★★7601.

Cut to the Chase
Handsome, educated GWM, 41, 6'2", 205#, bl./br., HIV+ (top), asymptomatic, healthy, nonsmoking, athletic (gym & jog 5 times a week). Enjoy: dining out, Europe (off season), California coastline (anytime), classical/blues/jazz/new age music (dislike c&w), ferry rides on the Bay, Angel Island hikes & possibly pitching a tent in the woods. Seeking GWM (bottom) of similar interests to share experiences with, both in and out

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Sausalito Sailor
Seeks buddy who has an openness to the magic of natural freedom. I'm 39, 170, 5′11″, and ready to share sailing, hiking and camping adventures. Boxholder, 1001 Bridgeway, Box 428, Sausalito 94065 or call ★★7603.

Old-Fashioned Relationship
Wanted by man used to home life—gardening, working, occasional night out, travel, friends, relaxed fun, private time to hug and kiss; and sex (whatever is mutually exciting) as an ever-expanding gift to each other. I'm late 40s, 5′8″, 190, HIV-, smoker, social drinker (toke OK), experienced in life, love, death, humorous, verbal, intelligent not intellectual, emotional, unpretentious, rambunctious, w/middle-aged libido, tend to give warmth, caring, trust, love almost too easily, enjoy classical music, KKSF, videos, writing, volunteering, creative arts, serious conversation, and silly playtime. Describe you too? Intimate friendship could lead to secure lifetime commitment. SF to SJ. Call ★★7604.

Could You Be the One?
Good-looking 32 yr. old GLM, 6′2″, 195 lbs., brn/brn, muscular, into family, friends and music, dancing, films, reading, romantic dinners, evenings in & quiet eves at home. Looking for someone special to share same, photo/phone please. Reply BT Box MY75A or call ★★7605.

I Want a Top
to marry me for 50 years. I hate dating so let's be platonic friends before getting married. Me: 22, 5′9″, 148, br/gr, athletic, handsome, bottom, all-American boy, bright student, stubborn, smart alec. You: highly intelligent, 5′10″+, 20-28, athletic/muscular, competitive, strong/gentle, like discussing history, politics, playing board games/cards, country dancing. North Bay A+, letter/photo: Boxholder, 1209 Capri Way, Rohnert Park 94028 or call ★★7606.

Bear Rassler
Bearded, predatory ex-pro plays as dirty as you wanna get. I'll pull on the trunks for mean & beefy grapplers who like it belly-to-belly tuff, or bad-ass cubs who need a trip to the woodshed for some definitive attitude adjustment. 100 percent safe versions of t/t, c/b, b/d, boots, 501s, hoods, w/s, mud & more, with all limits carefully respected & strictly BYO toys. Call ★★7607.

Adventurous World Traveler...
With down-home values seeks similar masculine, slim, energetic 30-40, HIV-, outdoorsy guy in good shape to share great times. I am a good-looking GWM, lean 140#, 5′10″, 35, HIV-, safe, non-promiscuous, business owner. Very light drinker, no drugs/smoke. Dark hair and deep brown eyes. "Straight" except sexually, positive, easy-going, bright, generous, balanced. With you, I want to share outdoor activities including cycling (road/mtn), backpacking, skiing, travel; and indoor activities like lively conversation, quiet fireside reading, home-cooked meals, snuggling, massage, and tender, playful, lightning-charged intimacy. Not into bars, dancing or gay scene. I've had best friends and I've had lovers... but never yet a best friend who is my lover. Could he be you? North Bay/SF preferred. Please send letter and photo (returned) to PO Box 511, Forest Knolls 94933 or call ★★7608.

Sincere, Attractive Asian
Tall, 31, very active, professional loves conversation, travel, hikes, romance, good food and fine wine. Looking for a creative, intense, nerdy, intellectually diverse man with integrity, a warm heart, and an open mind. I idolize artists, performing artists, dancers, writers, photographers, scientists, composers, linguists... Smart, independent, a health nut, enjoy a quiet life. Please respond with phone number and a brief description of your interests to PO Box 1105, Mountain View 94040 or call ★★7609. Photos appreciated.

Husky Dad in South Bay
Masculine, good-looking, bearded, HIV-, straight-acting, sports-minded Dad looking for same or hairy cubs to cuddle and go to sports events with. Facial photo and phone number gets immediate response. PO Box 722, Campbell 95009.

Flex Your Muscles
WM, 5′6″, 155 lbs., seeks muscular guys of any size into pumping up, oil, mirrors, posing and being admired. Like defined, baseball biceps, pecs, veins, hot legs, armpits. Especially seek Asian bodybuilder into showing off his physique. PO Box 426655, SF 94142 or call ★★7610.

Sweetheart Wanted
GWM, 50, 5′11″, 164#, HIV-, top, br/grn, gym-toned, smoker, social drinker, attractive, mellow, good-natured, gentle, a little shy, honest, dependable, romantic, monogamous, good listener and friend. Interests include puttering around the house, cooking, spending time with friends, music, art, CW dancing, dining out, movies. Seeking long-term monogamous relationship with an HIV- bottom who is slender, employed, non-drug user. Pluses: below 5′11″, 45-52, shy, gentle. Photo preferred. Write and let's meet for coffee, etc. Reply BT Box MY76A.

How About That Spanking?
You'll feel much better afterward. Suit-wearing professional with traditional values, 45 y.o., 6′ & 185 lbs., brn eyes & hair, HIV-, uncut, willing to give hand spankings and other guidance to youthful-appearing daddy's boy. I am respectful of limits. You will feel liberated as every private act is directed and supervised; in helplessness you'll discover how much you are cared for. Reply BT Box MY77A or call ★★7611.

Seeking Queer 'n' Asian
GWM, late 30s, HIV+, 5′11″, 170#, seeks friendship + with GAM. Me: ostensibly quiet, secure, politically active, nurturing, opinionated, somewhat shy, enigmatic professional with high self-esteem. My interests include politics, sports, literature, theater, music, Jeopardy and food. I'm openly affectionate and love to cuddle, but I've never been told I'm a great lover. I've got my share of vices but the overall package is pretty special. You: Asian, 25-40, looks not important. Must be intelligent with a good sense of self-worth and stable lifestyle. Physical handicaps are fine, but please no mental hang-ups. If you're interested in a high-quality friendship with a giving and stable guy reply BT Box MY78A or call ★★7612.

WM, 43, Possessed of Many Fine Qualities
and a few not-so-fine, seeks other men, 25-45, for dating, friendship, and whatever might come after that. Spiritual, playful, passionate; pragmatic, serious, reserved; affectionate. Versatile, with tendency to land on top. Honest, considerate, thoughtful, HIV-, no smoke or drugs, available; you are too. Warped sense of humor. Classical music, cats, church, STNG, hiking, quiet evenings, country. 6′, 172, brown/balding, hazel eyes; trim, full beard; trim build; masculine. Your photo appreciated but not essential. Reply BT Box MY79A.

Athletic Asian Seeks
A clean-cut, down-to-earth, HIV-, GWM for friendship and safe sexual pleasures. No strings attached. I'm a healthy, attractive, nonsmoker, 34, HIV-, caring and horny. I'm also sincere and discreet. Please reply to Boxholder, PO Box 283057, SF 94128-3057 or call ★★7613.

1954 Buick Special
Same vintage—some of the same values, good condition, low mileage. Not a lot of test drives lately but would like to get out of the garage. GWM, 5′11″, 178, brown hair/eyes, HIV-, funny, warm, spiritual sense (not New Age). Seeking similar who respects himself first. The rest is chemistry. Favorite date was a walk at the ocean, dinner at home in front of the fire. Send photo if available. Reply BT Box MY80A.

The Marry'n Kind
GWM, 46, 5′10″, 160, HIV-. Reliable, good sense of humor, pragmatic liberal, slightly shy, incurably honest, Nautilus body, regrettably a smoker. Enjoys doing home improvement projects, 103.7 FM, gym workouts, movies, dining out, racquetball and concerts. Pretty much top or bottom vanilla sex, but actually plays off of partner's needs, has tit ring, wants tattoo, loves to kiss and cuddle. Desires meaningful fun, long-term relationship. Preferences: gentle GAM or GWM, between 30-40, HIV-, but that's not exclusionary criteria, pleasant appearance, medium to light build, employed and non-drug user. Write and we'll meet over coffee, tea or etc. Reply BT Box MY81A.

Unusual and Attractive
WM in mid-30s, very good-looking, intelligent, straight-appearance, prof., seeks similar WM for good times, hopefully more. Prefer you are sophisticated and interesting, under 6′ tall, sexually top, into some leather, non-heavy B&D, private exhibitionism. Safe only. Call ★★7614.

Contra Costa Professional
GWM, 30, 5′11″, 175 lbs., blond, financially stable and has been told is good-looking, seeks GWM (30-35) who enjoys traveling, intelligent conversation and outdoor sports. You, like myself, are a nonpretentious, well-adjusted, HIV-, professional who is not into the gay scene and lives a quality life. We both enjoy intimacy, quiet times and the sharing of everyday life. Looking for friendship and/or possible monogamous relationship. Reply BT Box MY83A or call ★★7615.

WM, 34, outdoorsman seeks friend to explore with. Me: 6′2″, 175, brown eyes and hair, handsome, well-rounded, communicative, sincere, monogamous and healthy. Inexperienced at relationships with men, but open and curious. I enjoy backpacking, wilderness, deserts and rivers; theater, music, film and literature. You: similar in age, confident, masculine, genuine. Us: good friends and hopefully intimately so. Reply BT Box MY84A or call ★★7616.

Assume the Position
Over my knee for quick, fun slaps with my hand or ? until your beefy buns glow. Tall, gdlkg, nicely endowed 27 y.o. GWM with good hands will administer deserving slaps if U R under 30 & in good shape. Wear your tightest jeans & hold on! Reply BT Box MY85A or call ★★7617.

Take a Chance
Masculine, mature, HIV- GWM professional, sometimes described as a "teddy bear," seeks affectionate, possibly submissive friend, any race. We don't smoke or use drugs, use little or no alcohol, and are both emotionally and financially stable. We like to touch and cuddle, and are down to earth, but sometimes "earthy" too. Nice if you can smile. Shy OK. Call ★★7618.

Let's JO Together
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Interests include bicycling, gardening, food, the future of multimedia, opera, KITS radio, Miss Manners, rude humor, the movies, and a committed relationship (but not necessarily with whoever answers this ad). I am a 39-year-old technical writer. You are probably 35 to 45 years old and share some of the above interests. No Republicans or poodle owners, please. Boxholder, 5856 College Ave., #214, Oakland 94618 or call ★★7620.

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WM, 44, tired of being without special HIV+ buddy. I seek an average-looking guy who feels the need to connect. My needs: you are very hairy, preferably bearded, definitely short-haired or (better) bald(ing), comfortable on Folsom (or at least the "old" Folsom: remember the Ambush?), into intense, safe butt play (yours, mine, both), moderate in vices, like it stronger than "vanilla," and non-cologned. Me: 6′, 180, smooth. Call—let's talk. Call ★★7621.

Me and You
Me: 27 y.o. GWM, HIV-, nonsmoker, 5′7″, 140 lbs., cute face, big dick, top. Looking for friendship and hot, safe sex, not a relationship. Interests include movies, history, travel, science fiction. You: any race, also HIV- and nonsmoker, age 22-35, bottom, friendly and outgoing. Gay acting and appearing welcome. Photo (a must) and letter please to 537 Jones St., #1623, SF 94102 or call ★★7622.

Daddy's Boy Wanted
Daddy is GWM, 48, 5′7″, 135 lbs., brown hair and eyes, hairy, moustache, NS. You: under 35, bottom, passive, submissive, affectionate, NS, cuddly, healthy, stable, responsible, drug-free. If you are smooth to hairy, punk to cleancut, leather to GQ, slender to muscular, effeminate to butch, stupid to brilliant, daddy will still love his little boy. Call ★★7623.

Two Seeks More
Couple (HIV+), both healthy, good-looking and in good physical shape. One 37—brown hair/brown eyes, the other blond hair/blue eyes. Seek individuals or couples who are good-looking, healthy and well-built. For friendship, dancing, fun and more. Send letter and photo. Reply BT Box MY86A or call ★★7624.

GWM, 36, handsome, with strong lean build and warm brown eyes, br. hair, 5′6″, sweet, tender, playful, emotionally vulnerable, submissive but shy and inexperienced. Very bright, educated, traveled with much integrity and strong spiritual values. HIV+ and healthy. I would like to meet a confident, masculine and powerfully built man of dominant nature, who can be tender yet firm, guiding yet patient. A relationship is not expected but surprises are wonderful! (Age, race, height, hair, etc. unimportant.) Reply BT Box MY87A.

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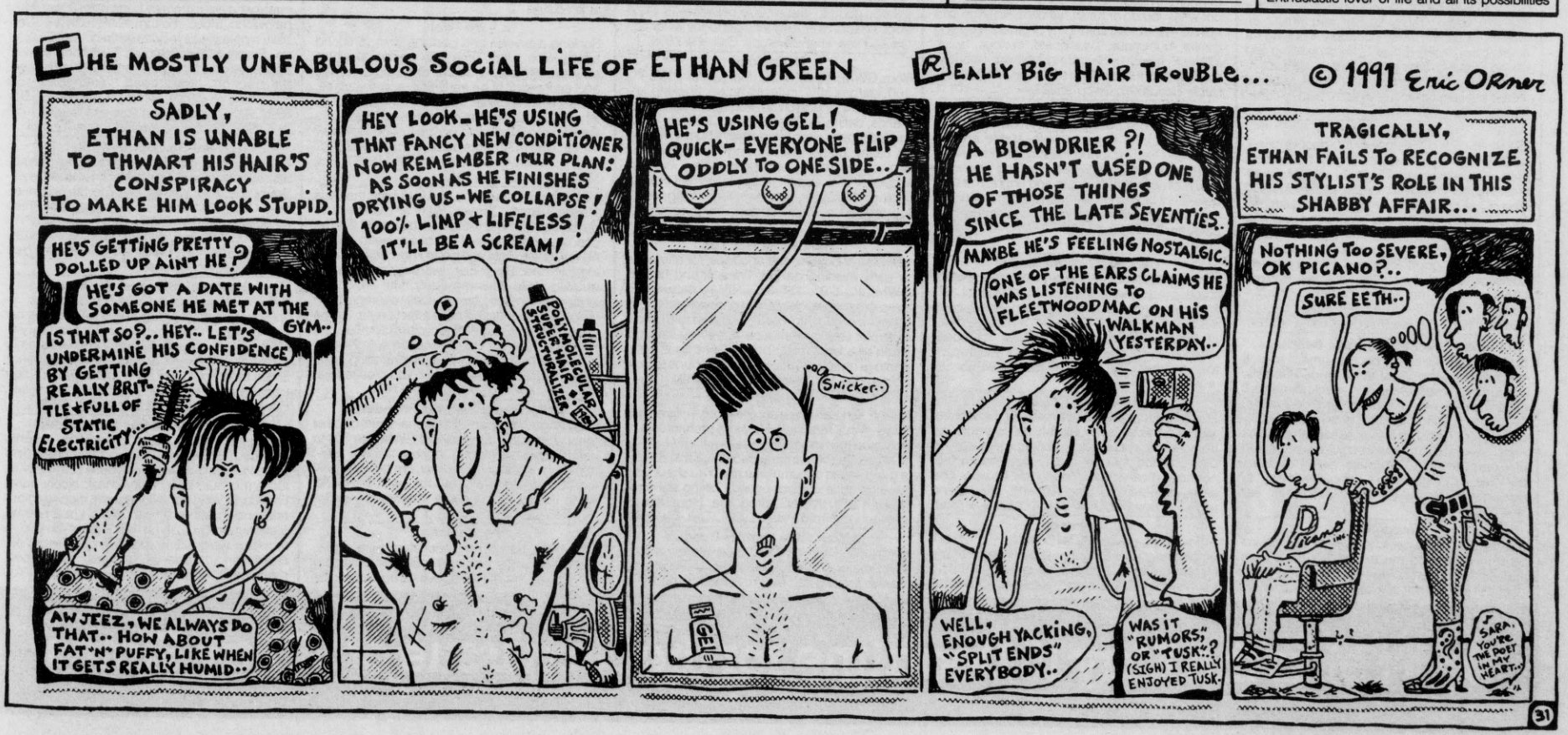
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Attention Blacks

WM, 45, 5′10″, 150 lbs., blue eyes, thinning brown hair, fair complexion, wants to meet you. We could end up in a relationship or simply enjoy each other. Who knows until we speak and meet. I am educated, intelligent, affectionate and caring (guaranteed). You should be up to age 47 or so. I am a top by nature but versatile on occassion. So call or write 537 Jones St., #8778, SF 94102 or call ★★7628.

Willing To Be Thrilling

GWM, 43, 6 ft., 300 lbs., HIV-, nonsmoker, gentleman seeks men for passionate encounters and friendship. Write 1442A Walnut St., #326, Berkeley 94709 or call ★★7629.

I Want It All!

GBM, 33, 185 lbs., 6′2″, well-built/attractive professional seeks GM of quality with similar attributes. "Barflies" need not apply. Looking for hot, romantic nights & quiet times of cuddling and talking together. Me: good lover, Greek active mostly but versatile. You: good in-shape body/responsive sexually. Send letter with picture. Reply BT Box MY89A.

Heart-to-Heart

GWM, 36, 5′9″, 150 lbs., br/bl, good-looking, healthy, HIV+, fun time kind of guy. I'm sensual (bottom), cleanshaven, financially and emotionally secure, self-employed, trim, fit, nonsmoker and tired of just having sex. I'm looking to share my life with someone of equal quality and one who maintains balance in their life. My interests include mtn. biking, hiking, modern art, camping, good friends, good food and time spent with someone special. If you're mid-30s plus, are tired of the cha cha gay scene, find the above interesting and desire to have intimacy beyond sex, call. Reply BT Box MY90A or call ★★7630.

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6′1″, Italian, 38 y.o., handsome, brn/hzl eyes, lt brn hair/brd, masc., romantic, wide interests, open mind, close friends, HIV-, wants same and: green/blu/hzl eyes, blk hair/beard/moustache, 28-48 y.o., Latino/muscular is ++ but not required; for friendship and/or relationship. Don't want: people who only want sex, obsessed with physique, smokers, druggers, heavy drinkers, bar flies, or if you can't handle intimacy or monogamy. Reply BT Box MY91A or call ★★7631.

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wanted by this honest, masculine GWM. I'm 31, 5′10″, 165, HIV-, with athletic body, warm heart and preference for the bottom. Just ended long relationship and looking for safe, sensual fun and friendship with no strings required. Seeking GM, 28-38, top, HIV-, who is fit, trustworthy, and playful in bed. A big smile is great, too. Call ★★7633.

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Handsome, intelligent, sincere guy seeks relationship with similar in-shape type, 35-50, HIV+, into good music (classical/jazz), nonsmoker. I enjoy bicycling, hiking, languages, travel, concerts/gigs, theater, movies, cuisine, massage. Stats: 5′10″, 155#, trim build, medium complexion, br/br-silver, s&p moustache, friendly smile. Looking for someone who appreciates a man who is passionate, fun, open and affectionate. Avoid voice-mail purgatory and send me a short note and photo and I'll return the same. (Bonus points if you're Latino and/or live near zip code 94618). Reply BT Box MY92A.

Hairy Seeks Smooth

Smooth friend sought by furry, dark-haired, extra tall, mid-40s GWM w/swimmer's build. I'm HIV+ (healthy) & have an open primary relationship with an HIV- man. I seek friendship & safe sex encounters with other healthy & responsible men. I enjoy a variety of sexual pleasures but mostly nipple stimulation. Turn-ons: GLM, dark moustaches, short top men. Write for more info. (send photo if available): DCS, PO Box 460424, SF 94146.

Yogi Bear Honey

Can sweetness be shared by dissimilar men, each with his own shortcomings? I'm 39, 6′2″, 150#, healthy, toned, smooth, unconventionally attractive, sensitively (neurotically?) responsive, and still searching. Looking for someone weightier, furrier, perhaps more centered but shy. Common ground would include spiritual ideals (devotion, transcendence), empathy, appreciation of touch, music, quiet times indoors and out... and delight upon seeing each other. PO Box 1382, Palo Alto 94302.

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Asian Fellow

Looking for compatible friend. I'm an attractive, slim Asian who is personable, stable and intelligent. I like exploring the city, parks, nature and home leisure activities. Seeking someone who is attractive, easy-going and bright. Not a requirement but especially interested in Asian and Indian persons, persons near 30 and smaller built persons. Boxholder, 5214-F Diamond Heights, Suite 406, SF 94131.

Dark Hair? Warm Smile?

You might just be my one big weakness. Handsome, masculine, active and independent, 27, 5′9″, fair-skinned, svelte, strawberry-blond, blue-eyed boy seeks well-balanced, ambitious beau of Mediterranean heritage, 27-34, for spontaneous combustion romance. Let's add a spark to each other's life! Reply BT Box MY94A or call ★★7635.

New in the Saddle

Freshman top, graduate homo, 33, handsome with dark hair/eyes/moustache, seeks pliable, extremely respectful butch bottom for hands-on play practice. I've got a dirty mind and a pronounced mean streak. You should be sexy, creative, durable and long-suffering. No pic, no reply. PO Box 14262, SF 94114 or call ★★7636.

Wanted!

A boyfriend, preferably tall bottom, HIV-, 28-50, employed, stable, witty, liberal-minded, art-inspired, people oriented, drug free, and who can handle cocktails and smokes. I am a tall GWM top, 44, 'stache, br. hair, glasses, non BB, 190#, successful professional, outgoing, live-wire, sharp wit, HIV-, stable as a rock. Variety of interests. So let's have a cocktail? Box 213, 109 Minna St., SF 94105.

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Handsome, Hunky and Discreet

Handsome, hunky, masculine, discreet, HIV-, married WM seeks masculine friends for good times regularly. I am 6′2″, 190, short curly hair, brown eyes and muscular; athletic, avid runner, swimmer and triathlete. Am seeking horny, hunky safe guy who enjoys good, discreet sex. You should be muscular, handsome, athletic and horny. All hunks welcome, Latinos and Blacks encouraged (tall a plus). Reply w/photo (returned). Reply BT Box MY96A or call ★★7637.

I'll Take a Romantic Relationship

GWM, 47 yrs. old, 5′7″ tall, 185 lbs. (stocky), red-dish/brown hair (balding), trim beard with gray in it, glasses, average build and looks, fair skin, HIV-, nonsmoker and lite drinker seeks GWM, HIV-, 47 to 57 yrs. old, nonsmoker, San Francisco only. You must be interested in a monogamous, loving relationship based on mutual trust and friendship. Let's start by corresponding and go from there. My interests include the arts, good food and friends, dining out on occasion, as well as quiet evenings at home. Safe sex only that is satisfying for both and willingness to explore safe, sensual, sexual fantasies. You be more top than bottom in bed. Very serious only. Reply BT Box MY97A.

Adventures

Blond UC Berkeley boy, 21, attractive, 6′, 165#, humorous, angst-ridden (German). Social, leftist, but open-minded, with ready smile, relaxed style. Romantic. Sexually versatile. Seeks: butch, solid, handsome, dark-haired man, 25+, settled, politically progressive, with varied interests, marked patience, kindness. Let's explore! Your letter, photo, gets mine. Reply BT Box MY98A.

Handsome Muscular Italian

GWM, 34, 6′2″, 175 lbs., into fitness, travel, romance and quiet times. Extremely well-endowed seeks another HIV-, very well-hung man with similar interests for monogamous relationship. Serious only. Leave name, description and phone number. Call ★★7638.

Someone to Date—Maybe More

Looking for someone to date in evening and have hot sex with at night. I'm 6′1″, 185, cleanshaven, work out regularly. I enjoy the usual things, dining out, movies, travel, quiet times. Sexually versatile, more bottom than top. If this sounds good to you, you're between 36-47, in good shape, HIV-, then let's get together for coffee and see what develops. Call ★★7639.

Definitions

You: GWM, 18-28, HIV-. Me: GAM, 21, 5′7″, 160, blk/brn, HIV-, cute, attractive. Looking: actively seeking, searching, finding. Relationship: friends, dating, boyfriend, lover. Qualities: You & me, sincere, honest, fun, sense of humor, romantic, caring, outgoing and loving. Recreation: You & me, outdoors—beaches, clubs, dinners, movies, walks, dancing, just having fun! Indoors—dinners, movies, cuddling, romancing, being together alone. Respond: get in touch, reach me. Call ★★7640.

Handsome Hot Top

seeks sexy bottom, any age/race, for afternoon or early evening delight. I'm a fit and healthy GWM, 45, 5′9″, 155 lbs., HIV+, brown hair/eyes, great smile, cleanshaven, good bod (slightly chunky), beautiful cock (I've been told), great legs. Not seeking romance, just a little safe fun. If you're a lean/hunky bottom, let's do it! Send photo (a must, but Xerox OK) and phone to Boxholder, 601 Van Ness, #E3-720, SF 94102.

Missing You

My full, rich San Francisco life is only missing one thing—you! This 6′, 168 lb., trim professional involved in the community seeks a friend or lover to share life. You are handsome, stable & have a good sense of humor like me. You share your feelings, love cultural events, biking, skiing & travel. I am HIV-, NS, drug free. Hope this ad prevents me from missing you... Call ★★7641.

In Your Face Leather Buddies

GWM, 39, 5′10″, 160 lbs., HIV-, attractive, nice build, mature, reflective, very clear about what he wants: a well-built, HIV-, nonsmoking buddy to share leather fetish. You enjoy submitting, being restrained, dominated, worshipped, penetrated. You own lots of leather, love wearing it, don't need anyone else's approval to live life according to your own voice. You fully indulge your intense sexuality and leather sensuality without needing drugs or alcohol. Reply BT Box MY99A or call ★★7642.

Black Top Man Wanted

GWM, 37, 5′10″, 175, brown hair, blue eyes, moustache, smooth, HIV-, bottom man, seeks down-to-earth, masculine, HIV-, Black topman for possible relationshnip. Big plus for men with body hair. Sincere only. J.R., PO Box 421396, SF 94142 or call ★★7643.

Searching for Athletic Asian

I'm looking for someone who enjoys the outdoors, workouts at the gym, and has an interest in playing tennis or volleyball. HIV+ OK. I am 36 yrs. old, 5′10″, 170 lbs., tan and muscular, cleanshaven, nonsmoker & drinker. Take a chance—answer this ad. Not all the hot men are in the bars. Call ★★7644.

Older Bear Wanted

by GAM, 33, 5′7″, 118 lbs., boyishly handsome, athletic, well-educated, good-natured, but somewhat idealistic and impatient. You are good-natured, look between 40 and 50 years old, bear type, not conceited or vulgar. You can be of any race or economic level, but not too materialistic or unattractive. Let's be friends first and see how things develop. South Bay bear preferred. Call ★★7645.

Let's Get Kinky, Then Cuddle

Handsome, masculine GWM, 6′, 185 lbs., predominantly top, blk/brn, Italian, who is community oriented with a good sense of humor, seeks GWM with similar qualities for good times and a possible relationship. Call ★★7646.

Learning the Ropes

Cute GLM, 20, 5′9″, 145, smooth, slim, alternative type. Hopeless romantic, enjoys cuddling, massaging, extensive kissing. Inexperienced but very intrigued by light bondage. Seeking men into ropes, struggling scenes, body contact, teasing, tickling. Must be sensual, imaginative, dominant, submissive. Should be versatile, attractive, have sensitive nipples and body like mine. Smooth great, hairy +. Have rope, toys, but nobody to play with. Interested? Restless, itchy, eager fingers call. Eager to know what tickles your fancy. Call ★★7647.

Summer Romance

GWM, blnd/blue, 5′5″, 125 lbs., looking for friendship/relationship. A true partnership can only be achieved by separate and whole beings who retain their separateness even in unity and uniting. I enjoy working out, movies, camping, hiking, roller skating, dancing, theater, 105.3, daily meditation, and alternative holistic medicine. HIV+/PWA OK. Must have great sense of humor. Send descriptive letter to: PO Box 361294, Milpitas 95035 or call ★★7648. Photo appreciated.

Me Too!

Seeking a unique and genuine man to spend quality time with? Time with someone who's educated, fit, playful, stable, romantic, attractive and energetic? Is he early 30s, socially astute, passionate, articulate, successful, capable of intimacy and somewhat sharp-witted? Someone seeking more than idle gossip or one-nighters? A man who truly cares about you and your life? If "Yes," please see title line. Reply BT Box MY100A or call ★★7649.

GM, tired of bars, clubs and watching the Cafe Hairdo Attitude Queens. Want to invest time in quality relationship with one who hasn't lost the curiosity/impishness of the boy at heart, quirky humor, one to date and get to know before jumping into bed. Black hair, twinkling dark eyes & winning smile drive me crazy. Me: 38, 5′10″, silvery brown hair, brown eyes, average build (not Adonis), witty and quite affectionate. I value good friends, love great food, classical music, the Rawhide, reading Dumas (quite the romantic), movies, scooting about town and hanging out at cafes. Interested? (Send pic if you please.) Reply BT Box MY101A or call ★★7650.

Asian Seeks Discreet Friendship

Busy Asian American professional seeks discreet friendship with a professional GWM late 30s to early 50s who is friendly, honest, sincere, HIV-, non-drug user and nonsmoker. I'm a young-looking 40-year-old, 5′6″, 140 lbs., with traditional Asian values. Call and see what happens. Call ★★7651.

I'm Seeking...

Dark man: handsome, educated, personable, stable financially, secure emotionally, physically developed, health-conscious, progressive, adventurous, around 30, 6′+, 190 lbs.+, versatile top, fun-loving, easy-going, open-minded. To share: travel, romance, creative sex, learning, challenge, hardships, tranquility, time together, laughter, fun, social activities, sports, the arts, dancing, new experiences, fears, sorrows, intelligence, playfulness, excitement, happiness. Me: similar characteristics, except Polish-Venezuelan, versatile bottom, 160 lbs., 6 ft. Call ★★7652.

GWM Seeks Masculine Top

Am socially assertive but sexually shy. Looking for a strong man to give me lessons. I like cuddling, deep kissing, JO, safe sex. Interests: movies, dining, bicycling, camping, CW dancing, quiet evenings at home. Me: good-looking 48, 6′, 190 lbs., brn/gray hair thinning, healthy, educated, nonsmoker, HIV-. You: mid-30s to late-40s GWM/GBM, gdlkg & in-shape. Turn-ons for me: hairy, hung, uncut, masculine. Be educated, honest, sincere. Reply BT Box MY102A or call ★★7653.

You and Me Together

I believe in monogamy. Old-fashioned morals—very good-looking GWM, 40 y.o., 175 lbs., dk hair, blue eyes, top, seeks good-looking GM bottom. Prefer male between 25-35, hairy. I seek long-term relationship. Sound good? Let's try it. Just you and me together. Call ★★7654.

Seeking Black Daddy

Your handsome, athletic, blue-eyed white son awaits your embrace. You are a secure, masculine Black man, 40+, NS, HIV-, husky build, sexually versatile. Although not a must, salt and pepper hair, beard, uncut and hairy are all turn-ons to your quiet but intelligent son. Want to explore a nurturing, caring encounter, safe/hot sexual passion and mutual respect. Call ★★7655.

Fire Spirit

I like: Celtic, Medieval, Gothic, Modern Primitive piercings, tattoos, candles, incense. Music that is: alternative, underground, Techno, varied. I am: Cyberpunk, QWM, buzzed, ash/green eyes, 5′9″, 135, 30, pierced, shy, working boy, student, who wishes to share some time with a Haight-style guy that thinks deeper than what is seen and heard, feels from within and can express it, friendship is a good start for a new discovery. Reply BT Box MY103A or call ★★7656.

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By jumping off the top of a fence into a cemetery. Don't ask. (It's fun being carried out of a cemetery flat on your back—more fun than it is being carried into one, I'll bet.) Otherwise in great shape, so don't get picky. 37, HIV-, good-looking. Voice mail great, letter even better. I like kind, perceptive men. Reply BT Box MY105A or call ★★7657.

Looking for Beef!!!

Blk male, 36 y.o., 6′, 190#, cleanshaven, top, HIV-, masc., musc., discreet, workout 2xs p/week, love all sports, music, trvl, seeks white males who are extremely hung only, 9″ up. Must be macho, musc., bottom, C&R man a+. Sensitive nipples/bubble butts desired. 18-35 y.o., 6′ up. Please no fats/femmes. Mus./trim, smooth appreciated. Honesty/sensitivity required. Satisfaction guaranteed. Your pix gets mine/faster response, will return. Send to PO Box 3679, 70 S. Jackson, San Jose 95116-998 or call ★★7658. So. Bay preferred, but will travel.

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Bicultural, Bilingual, By Myself

Seeking stable, open-minded, professional, intellectually & emotionally aware, aggressive but caring men of medium build, HIV-, sexually versatile, safe & drug free. I enjoy time with family & friends, long walks & talks, movies, romance & day trips. I am 26, Latino, UCB grad, professional, stable, bilingual, bicultural & by myself. Reply BT Box MY106A or call ★★7659.

Handsome East Bay Professional

Intelligent, well-educated, masculine, recently divorced GWM with clean-cut, boy-next-door good looks and a swimmer's body (5′10″, 140#, looks mid-30s, br/bl, hairy chest, nicely hung, HIV-) is looking for a long-term monogamous relationship with a similar GWM. I'm a normal, friendly "nice guy" type with a great job and interests in weightlifting, skiing, music (especially classical), art, science, movies, good food, romance & slow sensual sex (versatile). You

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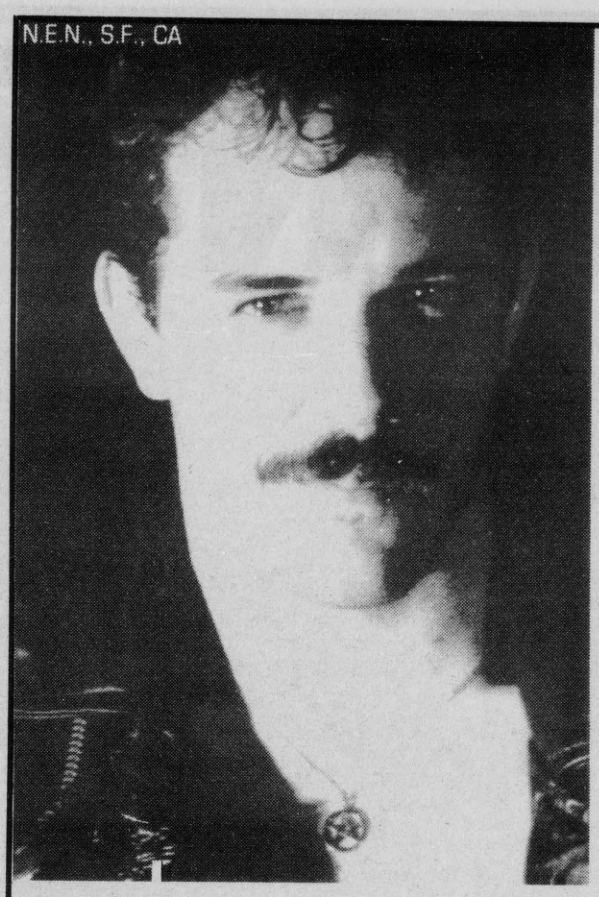

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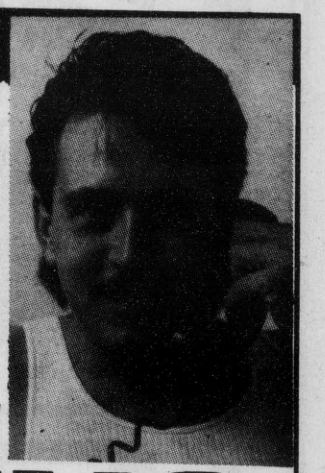

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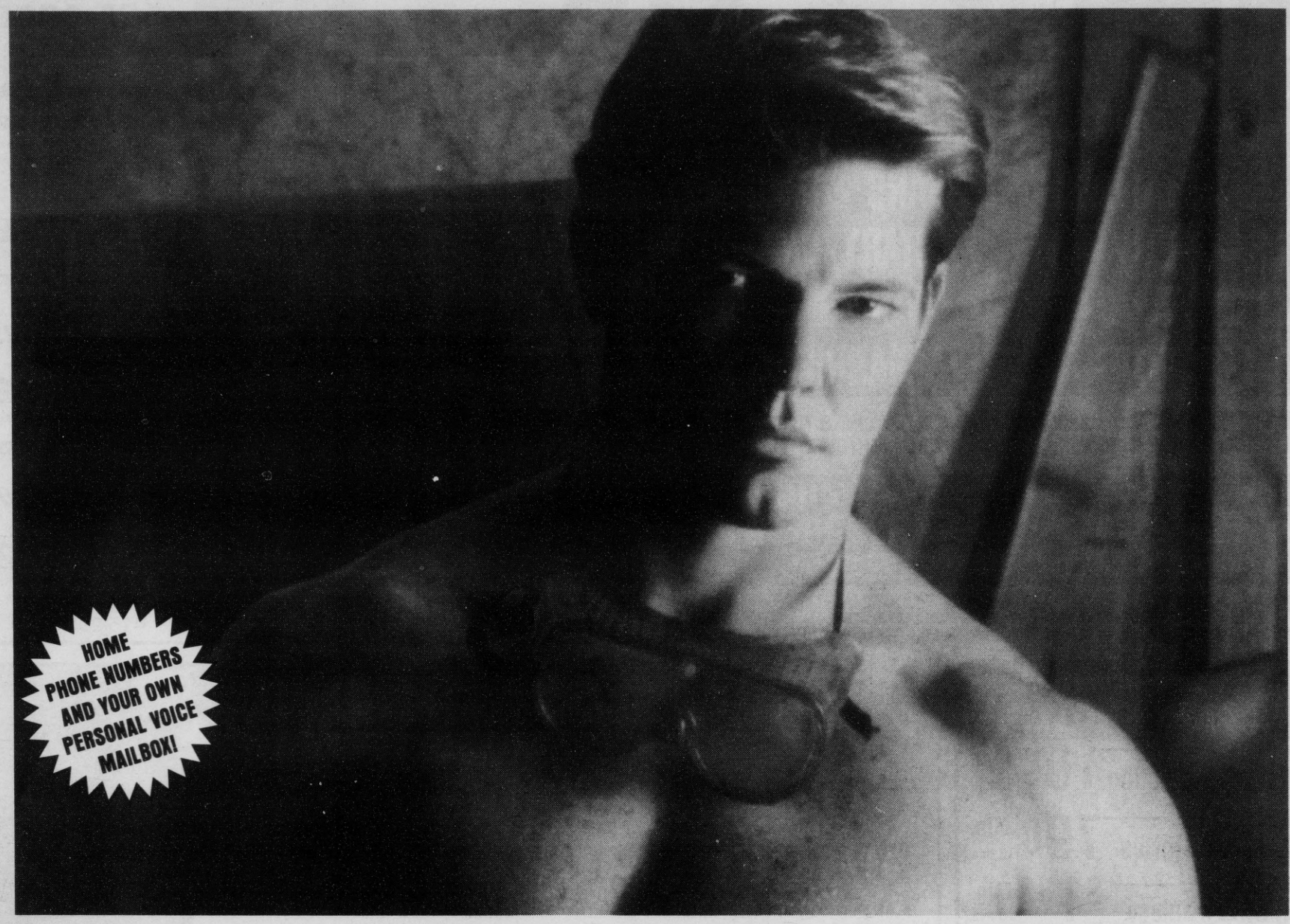

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Washington State, looking for someone to share family environment with good sense of humor, write to Ed, 43. Ext. 4201

Laid back, Erin, 27, 6', soft brown eyes, long black hair. Ext. 2236 call me.

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Will, 21, GBM, drop me a line at my mail box. Ext. 2452

Bill, black male, 6ft. slim muscular seeks good times and to meet people, no one nighters. Ext. 1710

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Seeking young bi-sexual, need intro to gay world. Please call me to talk more. Call my box. Ext. 1591

Glenn, Italian, Ext. 2139

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GMM 5'11, 160lbs, hairy chest, strong legs, nice body. Ext. 1819

Bill, loves sports and active discreet man. Let's work out. Ext. 1706

Julian, 22, looking for top muscular for stmy encounters, leave name and number. Ext. 1603

Steven, likes Italians, blondes, bodybuilders to share good times, going out, no one nighters. Ext. 1699

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Some like it Ruff, Ray, well fit strong men, drop me a line. Ext. 1741

Greg, 24, brown hair, blue eyes, looking for companionship, someone interesting, honest and sincere for midnite dates. Ext. 1749

Gentlemen, I'm available, GM, 20 Philippino, looking for exciting whites or latinos 18-30, let's do it, call my box. Ext. 1779

Dan, seeking companionship and great intimate times, blond hair, hazel eyes, great physiques only. Ext. 1634

Men 20-30, leave description of your pleasure. Just let me know what you want, all races. Ext. 1801

Kerry honest and intimate relationship, playful and fun. Tell me about yourself. Ext. 1802

Surfer Boy, loves the beach. Like to swim seeking 18-25 year olds. Ext. 1670

Rick, blond hair, 39'6 180lbs, very fit, young at heart seeks life partner, walks on the beach and roller coaster rides. Ext.1709

Doug, black, seeking serious relationship, clean no HIV. Ext. 1579

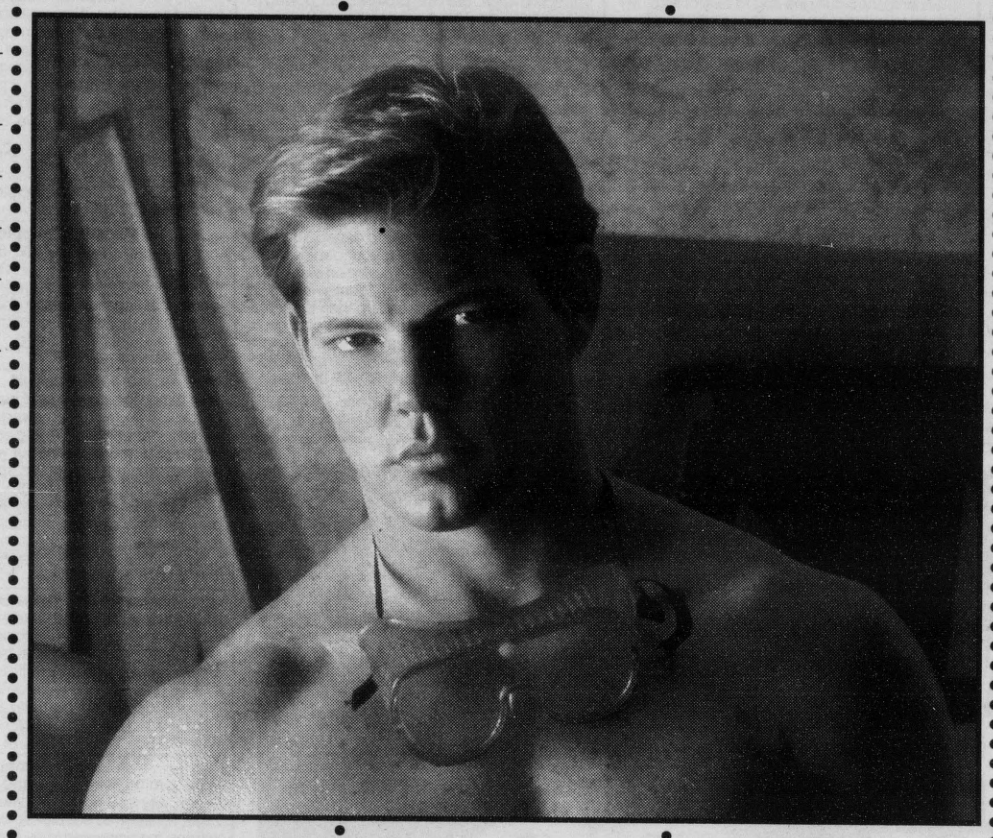
6'3 long blonde hair clean shaven 190lb. looking for someone new to gaylife 20-50 looking to experiment, couples a plus. Ext. 1625

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

In S.F., Exotic, Spanish, Hawaiian, 5'6", 120lbs., 20, looking for fun or serious commitment. Ext. 4675

Santa Rosa, Reuben, health professor, 29, looking to date for social times together. Ext. 4771

SF, Milt, city dweler seeks top man. Ext. 4825



THIS WEEK'S MAN FINDER MAIN ATTRACTION

Handsome, 20, 5'8", looking for older sincere gentleman in California. Ext. 4706

Bob, clean, active, seek phone fun. Test drive avail. Ext. 1587

GWM needs older passionate man to take care of me and travel. I'm monogamous, caring and warm looking for life partner. This is new for me. Ext. 1592

Roy, 5'10 likes everything, TS, Lingering, sure to show you a good time. Ext. 1596

Sam, likes to cuddle, perform. Ext. 1599

Jason, 21, East-Indian, like fishing movies, dining, and love getting massages! Ext. 1605

Surfer Boy, young California dude, 21, seek same for fun in the sun and whatever. Partier a plus. Ext. 1893

Wayne, blue eyes, mustache, clean, seeking new friends, no commitments. Ext. 1721

Tom, 23 years young, College jock, blond, blue eyes. Call Me! Ext. 2629

Reno man looking for guys 25-35, travel to SF and Russian River Area frequently. Leave a message in my mail box if interested. Ext. 2838

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In S.F., Exotic, Spanish, Hawaiian, 5'6", 120lbs., 20, looking for fun or serious commitment. Ext. 4675

SF Versatile, and aggressive, 24, 6'5", 215lbs. Defined body. Ext. 3746

S.F. Philapino, 25, 5'6", 120lbs.. Ext. 4675

Russian River, 31, blond, 6', 190lbs., like to party. Ext. 4598

SF Versatile, and aggressive, 24, 6'5", 215lbs. Defined body. Ext. 3746

San Jose, Puerto rican/Italian call John's mail Box. Ext. 4416

Novice, in S.F., Craig, 27 blond, 5'7". Ext. 3746

SF, 19, and cute, funny, Jimmy, brown hair, 6', 160lbs. Ext. 4373

Mike, Native SF, 37, 1/2 Italian, 1/2 Mexican, good looking, masculine, love to read the classics. Ext. 4522

Submissive, 25, boyish looking seeking other men. Ext. 4446

Into Wrestling? 195lb er seeks wrestling partner into the safe scene. Ext. 4781

San Francisco How about my neck of the woods? Ext. 4225

SF, Enjoy very masculine men 25, 5'10", brown hair, Ext. 3989

Kick back and get worked on. Ext. 4228

San Francisco How about my neck of the woods? Ext. 4225

Joey SF 26, Tall and in good shape. looking for white men only. Ext. 4241

Seeking tall men ask for michael. Ext. 4244

Greg, 25, blond, blue, athletic, 140lbs. Ext. 4273

Mike, 36, Bodybuilder seeking men. Ext. 4323

Mike, 26, with a 29 inch waist seeks phone fun. Ext. 4287

Steve, 25, 6'2", 200lbs., with brown hair, looking for the same for good times Ext. 4301

22, Very Masculine, 5'11", 145lbs. interested in meeting the same. Ext. 3907

Super nice guy Italian/Irish very good looking seeks hot guys. Ext. 3788

Safe fun wanted in San Francisco. Ext. 3792

Try Me! I'm 21, 6', 165lbs., blond, looking for south bay guys. Ext. 3821

Looks not important Mexican man looking for a good time, early mornings OK. Ext. 3827

Sam, 32, interested in phone fun, leave message in my box. Ext. 3833

Versatile, well built, Tony, 27. Ext. 3837

New to California good looking, 5'11", 180lbs., dark hair, seeks relationship. Ext. 3838

GWM, 23, likes snowboarding, outdoors, seeks emotionally secure male. Ext. 3856

Asian looking for Asians. Ext. 3719

Buddy, live alone, looking for new friends. Ext. 3740

Stockton, Eddy, 27 looking to meet new friends. Ext. 3952

GWM slender, 22, masculine. Ext.3242

Ed, 27, like to meet new people. Ext.3431

Mike, 23, call anytime. Ext.3434

SF, Conrad. Ext. 3518

SF Cowboy, New to town, love outdoors, 28 cowboy from Texas looking for sun & fun in Calif. Ext.3404

SF Bob, 24, Oak grove, HIV+, 6'1, 180, no fats. Ext.3390

Tony 6'2, 32, brown hair, smooth body, good shape, looking for fun and friendship. Ext.3359

Charles, 18, looking for gorgeous men. Ext.3272

20, Hispanic and blue eyes, energetic risk taker. Ext. 3299

Just out, need help, 6'2, 180, 38 years old, brown hair. Ext.3329

Asian, or Italian types. Ext. 3169

SF, Surfers? GW Men 18-25. Ext. 3200

San Francisco, I'm a beginner looking for advice. Ext. 2660

San Francisco Artist, looking for a model, Call Richard at Ext. 2687

Tony, No. California 48, Interested in dating young 18-30 slim. Ext. 1658

San Francisco 1st timer, bi-curious excited, need teacher for massage or more. Ext. 1590

Jay, athletic, 36, in San Francisco seeking attractive white men under 32, ready for work-out. Ext. 1176

Howard, in SF, 32 professional 5'10, sports, safe fun, discreet. Ext. 1160

Craig, 36, 190, San Mateo, NS, No drink, prefer Latinos 18-23. 1st timers spec. service, serious only. No calls after 10pm. Ext. 1581

Redding, CA Service oriented. Do you like being spoiled? Call Harvey, 45, white, I'll buy if you'll fly! Ext. 2340

Wrestling? Blond, blue eyes, Bob, 6', 195, well built. Ext. 2419

Just Divorced, San Mateo, CA, 53, 5'7", 150 lbs., blue eyes, blond hair. Ext. 2430

Latino Men, 35-40 in SF, Richard, looking for friends and more. Ext. 2589

Randy, 32, blond hair, handsome, in Concord, looking for friendly in shape guy early 30's. Ext. 2318

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I Like Ass

This attractive GWM, 40, top, 6′5″, 200 lbs., is looking for nice buns to play with. I want to look at, touch, massage, tickle and probe a nice ass. Light spanking will stimulate nerve endings, then on your knees for the safe sex to follow. You: attractive GWM, 21-35, slim build, nice ass and hungry. If your dick's hard from reading this ad, better call now!!! Call ★★7660.

Real Values

What I have, and would like from you: love to give; intelligence/intellectual openness; integrity; vulnerability; emotional safety; gentleness. You choose the difficult, sometimes painful path of honesty over that of easy lies. You think and feel for yourself. My goal is real intimacy (including physical intimacy). I am a GWM serious about REAL intimacy. If this sounds appealing to you, Reply BT Box MY107A or call ★★7661. All replies answered.

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who's HIV-, dark-haired, tall, bright, hairy, mature, grounded, organized, nonsmoker, light drinker, romantic, self-esteeming, down-to-earth, knows he damn well deserves a loving relationship and is willing to make time for one. Respond if you want an HIV-, fair-haired, gray-eyed, hairy, GWM, an extremely youthful, vibrant 52, honest, bright, manly writer/athlete who likes movies, cooking, hiking, working out, afterglow and quality time at home. Call ★★7662.

Best Friend

No puffed stats or super egos; BE REAL. 44, 5′11″, 160, s/p bldng, brn, masc., hairy, healthy, cleanshaven, pleasant personality, top in bed. You: masc., healthy, NS, trad. values, height/weight proportional, fun person. Seeking 1-1, your place. Box 172, San Mateo 94401.

Visit Santa Fe, Visit Me

Hunky, hairy, passionate adventurer of mind body spirit connection in self and others seeks smooth blond cuddlebug, serious about potential LT relationship. I'm 43, 5′5″, 135 lbs., br/br. My home's in Santa Fe. Interested in touching, communicating, winters by the fire, gazing at the NM stars and into each other's eyes. How about you? Call ★★7663.

Business Suits

turn me on. Me: 33, 5′10″, 180, muscular, masculine, horny. You: dominant, older mean executive type. Also guys in uniform. Please be extremely masculine—bi, gay, straight welcome. I'll satisfy your kinky urges, as long as it's safe. Call ★★7664.

Man With Hot Body Wanted

My fantasy: admiring your very muscular build, sucking your hard cock, watching you slowly sodomize me and move your cock in and out my extremely tight asshole very gently till you ejaculate all you've got inside me. Your fantasy: a slim uncut younger brother with shaven body telling you you're the hottest and rubbing his cock till he comes. Well-built musclemen only please. Call ★★7665.

GAM Seeking...

Friendship, hopefully leading to relationship. My interests include music, chocolate, reading, theater/movies, dining out, science fiction/Star Trek, baking and discovering you/yours. We don't smoke, use drugs or abuse alcohol, right? I'm 33, 5′8″, 165 lbs., HIV-, glasses, moustache. Any race welcome (GBM especially), around 25-40. Friendship/relationship first—is that weird? Please write: PO Box 22501, SF 94122 or call ★★7666.

27 Yr. Old GBM Seeks Longhair Hippy Lover HIV+

I'm romantic, fun, somewhat lazy, uncut, love birds, 5′9″, 141 lbs. I'm versatile. Love to do drag. But I work on weekends. Where are you who understand and need what I offer? Sagittarius. Call ★★7667.

Definitely Not Vanilla

But not a leather fanatic either. Let's live out our fantasies, and at the same time enjoy each other's company. I would rather be on bottom, but don't be surprised if you're tied up. I am a GWM, 5′9″, 155 lbs., HIV+, and a smoker. Bl/bl with beard and 32 y.o. Let's get it together and check it out. Call ★★7668.

Stats: GWM, 5′11″, 160, br/bl, moust./beard, 37, good-looking, HIV+. Synopsis: professional, run daily, read, all kinds of music, theater, movies, etc. Independent, quiet/smart mouth. Haven't figured life out yet, but I'm trying. Seeking: sex is great, I want more. I fall prey to hairy, funny, smart guys. Somewhere in my age range. Send note and photo. All photos returned. Reply BT Box MY109A or call ★★7669.

Different

GWM, 36, HIV-, masculine and attractive, brown hair, blue-eyed romantic who isn't afraid of physical and emotional intimacy. Nonsmoker/drinker, affectionate, articulate, introspective, liberal; expressive of my feelings, thoughts and passion. Workout, hike, jog, write, love the beach, snorkel, etc. Seek genuine friendship and maybe more in another GM who is also a professional, HIV-, 28-40, and knows what he wants in life. Please don't let other disappointing ads or experience prevent your response with a photo (to be returned). Reply BT Box MY110A.

Humor & Brains

Attractive 42-yr.-old HIV- professional looking to meet others (38-48) who are self-aware, responsible, able to communicate, be serious & have fun. Interests include rafting, reading, animals, history, nesting, exploring the city, performing arts, ethnic foods, psychology, good conversation. Attracted to independent, interdependent, but not co-dependent men who can challenge and stimulate others to grow. I'm values-oriented, honest, supportive, considerate with a sometimes off-the-wall sense of humor. Reply BT Box MY111A or call ★★7670.

Irishman Seeks Irishman

Older 55 Irishman would like to develop a loving & sexual relationship with a younger Irishman. We are both from Ireland. You like an older man. I like younger. You: under 40, gentle, intelligent type. You sexually more bottom than top. Pleasant to be with. Me: no beauty but you could bring it out. I have a happy life here but love Ireland & proud of Irish heritage. You are too. Write Box 8522, 537 Jones St., SF 94102.

Top Seeks Bottom

If your butt hungers for lots of rimming and condom-covered fucking, your lips for lots of kissing, your body for lots of snuggling, and if you turn on to the thought of having your desires satisfied from time to time during all-night sessions at your place by a nice-looking, well-hung, warm and affectionate topman who is a GWM, 43, 5′9″, 170, call ★★7671.

8th & Howard Alumnus

Seeks (younger) guys for sexual (and other) recreation. I'm mid-40s, tall, brown hair, moustache, HIV+ & fit, in shape 170 lbs., very masculine, dirty talker, assertive, irreverent, top, big fat (uncut) cock. Like smooth (nonhairy) bodytypes in-shape and horny for action. Call ★★7672.

First Comes the Easy Part:

Masculine, articulate, good-looking, professional, nonsmoking, HIV-, 5′10″, 165, 44-year-old GWM seeks GBM, 28-45. It gets trickier, though, when I add that I prefer someone who can discuss the presidential primary race, argue about the results of the NFL draft, or join me at a baseball game. Any candidates? Photo helps but not required. PO Box 194331, SF 94119.

First for Quality

My first time with a listing, but optimistic in finding a quality friend for special times and mutual sharing of interests, life's ups and downs, and the future. I'm East Bay, bearded, gdlkg GWM, 40s, 5′10″, 140 lbs., slender, tan, hairy, responsible, serious, with abundance of loving, liking, sensual and sexual feelings to give and needing the same in return. Like home, antique cars and trains, bare feet. Respondents need not be physical/age identicals, but no alcohol or drugs. I'd welcome a letter and photo. I'll respond to you. Reply BT Box MY112A or call ★★7673.

Pursuit of Happiness

... Fun; handsome 42 GWM, 5′8″, 150, br, bl, sober, NS, HIV-. I am kind, down-to-earth, funny, bright and great kisser; enjoy theater, films, jogging, acting, sun, beach and sex (I'm a top); I am seeking someone with compatible interests; I am relationship-oriented. Reply BT Box MY113A or call ★★7674.

Fantasy #1

After romantic dinner, playful banter and magical chemistry, we return home and embrace in passionate dark, slowly taking off each other's clothes. Start south, tease our way up north. We tie each other up, lick, tease, spank, tickle. Cute GLM, 20, 5′9″, 145#, smooth, sub/dom, seeks GM, sensitive nipples/body, warm heart, sub/dom, smooth, (moustache/facial hair, hairy +), romantic, sexy, kinky, sensitive, honest man for intriguing/kinky times. Fantasy #2 to follow later.... Call ★★7675.

Take Me Out to the Ballgame

I'll buy the peanuts and Crackerjacks. Now that baseball season is here, I'm looking to meet other jockheads for bleacher dates (A's or Giants). I'm a clean-cut, muscular Irish-Italian guy, 33/5′9″/178, and have a thing for similar cute, athletic hunks under 30 (or able to fake it like me). Afterward, we can play some extra innings of our own. Write PO Box 14265, SF 94114 or call ★★7676.

A Lion in Summer?

With "a mind like Aristotle and a body like mortal sin." My resume: handsome GWM, 36, 6′3″, 200#; ivy-covered education, experience—King, warrior, magician and lover (banker/consultant, too). You are outgoing, scintillating, goodhearted, not hard to look at, HIV-, around 36. To paraphrase Hepburn again, we could "shatter the commandments on the spot," but let's start with coffee. Reply BT Box MY114A or call ★★7677.

Not...

Not looking for drop-dead beauty 22, bodybuilder, blond hair... what about regular guy with sense of humor who likes videos and doing it by himself... and with somebody would be extra! Me, 46, overweight, handsome, blue/brown-gray, likes younger. Porn/pal also... Call ★★7678.

Nudist—Monterey Area

40 WM, 6′, 160, brn/hazel, average build, seeks other male nudist for social, recreational activities. Nonsexual friendship only. Prefer mid-40s or younger, college students welcome. Penpals welcome. Contact Box 0406-BT; Gonzales, CA 93926 or call ★★7679.

Me Artist, You Boy

I know you exist. 25-35, thin, sexy and smart. You buff your brain, not your biceps. I've spotted you in the clubland jungle. You seem bored with this week's hairdos and would rather be over at my treehouse drinking zinfandel. Me: painter, mid-30s, thin and goateed. Losing some hair but can still strangle fundamentalists with one hand tied behind me. Ungawa! Converse hi-tops a plus. Call ★★7680.

Muscle Boys—Skip This Ad

GWM, 36, 6′3″, 230, bl/br, handsome, easygoing, seeking a companion, friend, lover and a touch of romance, from a tall, over 30, HIV+ guy. Height and weight proportionate (give or take 30 lbs.). I'm looking for a regular guy, with a great smile, and sense of humor, who doesn't frighten children in the street. Reply BT Box MY115A.

Bachelor Party, May 23rd

Four friends, good-looking, single GM professionals lamented over dinner recently the difficulty in meeting quality single guys. Soooo, we dreamed up a party to invite potential friends, romances or lovers. We're 37-45, height/weight proportionate, college-educated, articulate and adventuresome. Each has a history of loving relationships, prefers monogamy, and is emotionally available. How adventuresome are we? At minimum, we're bold; who knows who will be at our party? Maybe you! Details for those whose curiosity (and perhaps more) is aroused: Bachelor #1: 45, 5′9″, 160, gray/brown, blue. Clean-cut, widely varied interests: art, music, sports, wannabe artist, student of life, pragmatic yet dreamy. Bachelor #2: 39, 5′8″, 145, black/brown, creative, artistic Japanese/American enjoys cooking, traveling, SF Giants. Great communicator! Bachelor #3: 40, 5′11″, 170, blond/green. SF native, gym member, clean-cut, lotsa fun, romantic, likes people, travel, entertaining. Bachelor #4: 37, 5′8″, 165, blond/blue, moustache. Runs/works out, loves to laugh, warmhearted, looking to share the journey. (The other three say I'm a catch, but then so are they.) Guests should be 30-50, height/weight proportionate, relationship-oriented, adventuresome, sense of humor, easygoing about this approach. No drugs, no drags. Space limited, so call us by May 17, give us some details about you! Call ★★7681.

He Fantasizes About Policemen

He's bashful about ads—so I'm helping. He's age 29, 6′, 165 lbs. GWM, sensual, healthy, HIV+, good-looking, volunteer. Brown hair, eyes, 'stache. Very lovable with many interests. He prefers mature, attractive, well-built GWM to age 45. NS. ND. He leans toward monogamy after friendship. Uniformed picture (returned) appreciated. Are you the special man he deserves? Reply BT Box MY116A or call ★★7682.

Older GWM; looking to meet someone who also enjoys walks on the beach, romantic dinners, drives down the coast, warm evenings at home, community service, and plenty of cuddling, support and love. I am a loving, caring man who enjoys these things and more. I would like to work on a friendship and see what develops. You should be a mature man who is NS, ND. Reply BT Box MY117A or call ★★7683.

AWG Seeks Buddies

Emotionally literate late-blooming average white guy in long-term gay interracial "marriage" desires playful, intimate friend relationships which include but aren't limited to (safe) sex. Intelligent, affectionate, cultured, sexy, 6′, 40, 175, blond-gray, green eyes, good shape, healthy, HIV-, Buddhist practitioner. Men my size and age preferred. Sense of humor and freshness preferred. All letters answered, photos returned. Box 882872, SF 94188-2872 or call ★★7684.

Adorable GWM Seeks Young Asian Male

Me: GWM, 5′9″, 165 lbs., brn/grn, told I'm young and good-looking for 39 y.o. I'm physically fit, creative, unique, intelligent, kind, loving, spiritual and professional. You: smart, cute GAM (22-30), full of ideas, independent, nonsmoker, and caring individual. Let's explore the infinite possibilities of life, the universe, the nature of man, the weight of dreams, and the substance of love. Call ★★7685.

David Seeks Jonathan

Sexy, hairy, handsome Hebrew searching for mate. Very young 44, burly, 5′6″, 179 lbs., back at gym, huge shoulders, big eyes, great smile. Life-passionate, myriad interests. Nonsmoker, masculine, HIV-. You: similar with willingness to take risks, a need to nest, ability to negotiate. Desire to make love, not just have sex (and do it well). Jonathan, your love was wonderful to me, surpassing the love of women. Call ★★7686.

Asian Treasure!

Open the treasure chest and find a youthful 40-year-old Asian, 5′6″, 155, healthy; love swimming, movies and some outdoor activities. This Asian is looking for educated professional GWM, 35-40, who is sincere and attractive for friendship and romance should it come. Call ★★7687.

Outstanding! Superlative!

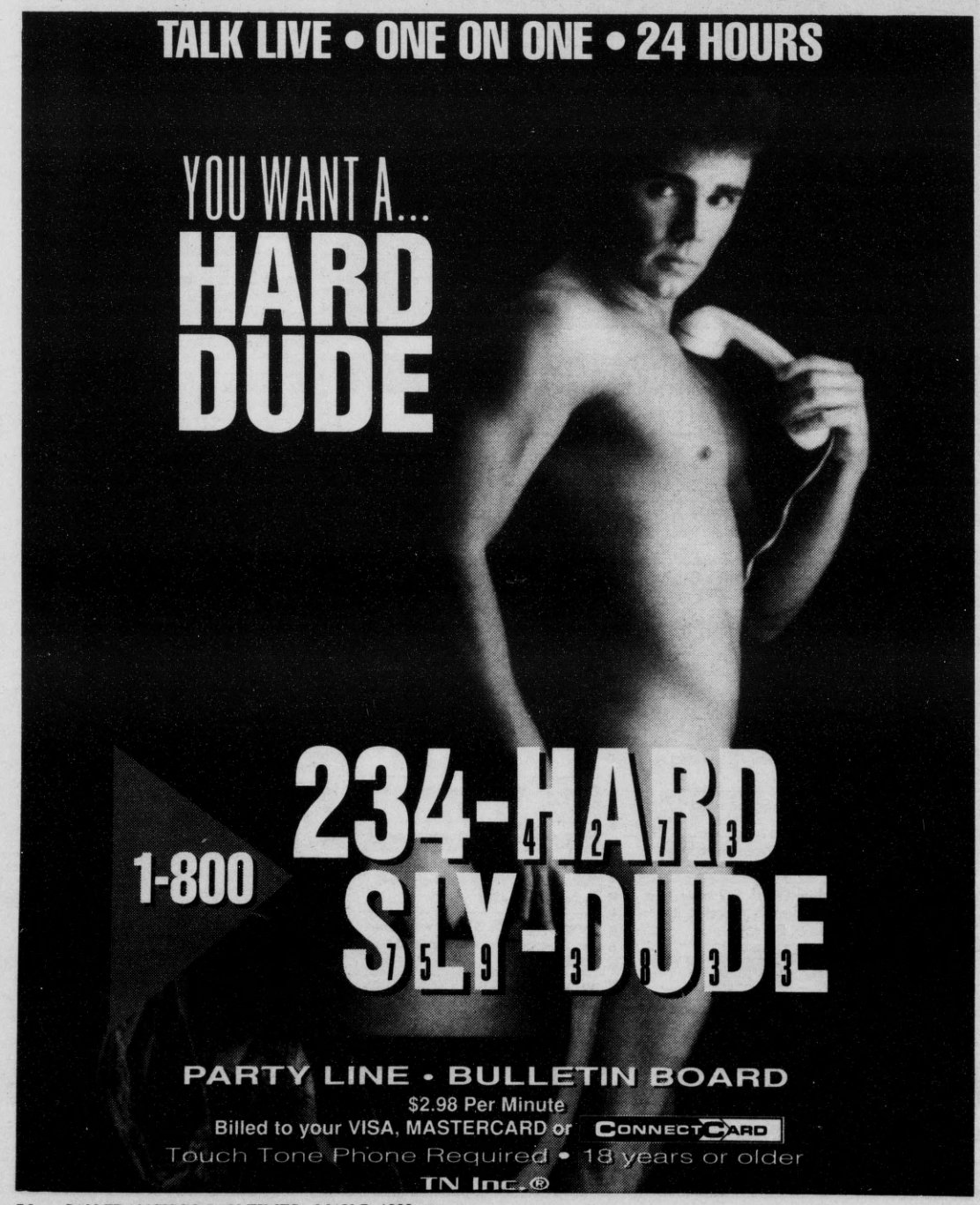
So much for hype! Now reality—a masculine GWM, 47 and comfortable with that. Other stats: bottom, 5′6″, 150, cleanshaven, hairy. I'm professional and like movies, walking, hiking and sharing time with someone I enjoy. I want to meet a masculine Asian or Latino my age or somewhat younger looking primarily for friendship, but am open to more. Call ★★7688.

GWM Seeks Same, But Different

Do opposites attract? Me: more short than tall (5′6″); thin than heavy (130); cute than handsome; 33 yrs. old, nonsmoker, no drugs; fit but not BB. You: more tall than short; meat on the bones; cute would never apply; same generation; nonsmoker; no drugs; more muscled than fat. We might enjoy the same TV, movies, books, music, or not. We share love of nature, a desire to grow old with someone, and have demonstrated the ability to successfully cope with the adult world. We believe trust and communication are essential to healthy relationships. You probably won't be interested in my hobbies, but I want you nearby to support me. And I want to support your interests, too, but we both understand that I'm just not as rugged or as strong as you, and sometimes the trail will be too rough, the water too cold, the road too long. You'll help me. The force of my personality is like rushing water: the meek are swept under; the ungrounded are washed aside. You are the banks which direct and bound my flow; a rock that I splash against and make beautiful spray in the sunlight, and wash over wearing down the rough edges. Together, we are the river, a combination of rough/gentle, solid/fluid, constantly changing, always the same. Over time the Colorado forged the Grand Canyon. What might we make? Reply to Boxholder 309, 909 Marina Village Pkwy, Alameda 94501 or call ★★7689.

Slim Asian Wanted

Sincere WM, young for 42, trim, 6′2″, 174 lbs., blue eyes, cleanshaven, HIV-, seeks warmhearted slim to skinny Asian, 20-35, for caring friend or possible lover. I'm nonsmoker, affectionate, good listener. Enjoy movies, massage, medita-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Doing Anything?
So what are you doing reading this ad? Looking for a significant other? Do you really think you will find one here? Well, if you do, then read on. Listen, I can understand how you must feel. Check this out: here I am an HIV-, professional, handsome, athletic, brown-haired, brown-eyed, masculine, 5′11″, 172 pounds, GWM and single! What a shame, especially since I feel I have so much to offer. But hey, let's face facts, at 36, I have become, shall we say, very certain of what I want, and with whom, and very guarded. Ideally, my significant other would be like me, close to my age, and possess the sincere quality of spontaneous caring and being. Yeah, kind of like a catalyst, you know; activates a chemical process, but does not get consumed or destroyed by it. So, if you are interested in finally meeting a no BS kind of guy, send me your picture, and tell me about yourself. Reply BT Box MY118A or call ★★7690.

++ Mutual Mentorbation ++
And more sought by butch GUPPIE activist. More than sexual adventures in hard to reach places. More than envious glances from boys at the dances. More than brief excuses to use tasty, rare spices. I want symbiosis—a strategic alliance of talents and beauty. I'm 6′3″, very handsome, healthy, HIV+, 29, blond, body built, athletic, passionate, entrepreneurial, with gray/green eyes, a quick intellect, and an insatiable appetite for learning. Let's bring out the best. Be near my age, smart, cleanshaven, strong, lean, versatile, youthful in spirit, and a head turner. Reply BT Box MY119A or call ★★7691.

Uncut? Under 40?
GWM, 59 y.o., 6′2″, 198#, HIV-, nonsmoker, relationship-oriented, would like to meet you for friendship and, hopefully, much more. Please call ★★7692.

Don't Think Twice, I'm All Right
Gay Puerto Rican male, 45, 5′7″, 153#, hairy, balding head, brn/brn, bearded good looks, smoker, HIV+, healthy, bottom looking for a compatible top for occasional get togethers and whatever develops. We are both educated professionals. We are also great kissers and cuddlers, extremely romantic, and take great pride in our lovemaking skills. Longterm planners encouraged. Reply BT Box MY120A or call ★★7693.

Affectionate Black Male Wants Playmate
Educated, good-looking, young-thinking, humorous, sensual, smooth, nice body, 6 ft., 185 lbs., seeks to meet his fun-loving, masculine white or Latin counterpart for some sexy, hot encounters. Show it hard. I'm into music, massage, touching, cuddling, videos, nipples... you, too? Muscles, nice bodies, good minds, encouraged to reply. Hey, I'm a nice guy... really! Photos exchanged. Boxholder, PO Box 190182, SF 94119 or call ★★7694.

East Bay Out (Well... Almost)
WM, 6′2″, 26, college grad, gentle heart, seeks masculine, considerate, easygoing, affable, handsome, witty, affectionate, fit, straight-looking white boy (my age) for unstressful summer friendship, mutual inspiration, hanging out, fun: exploring outdoors, beaches, UB, cycling, weird music, cultural pursuits, new experiences! Closet cases/bisexual OK. Special weakness for dimpled, tall & lean, gym-toned, all-American dudes/musicians; however, being sensitive, intelligent, sincere, trustworthy & non-flaky is paramount. Reply BT Box MY121A or call ★★7695.

Rasslin' Bear
Toughest bear in SF! 39, 5′8″, 150#, bearded, super-hairy, muscular, strong, and downright mean on the mats! Challenges other wild bears, leather tops, Latino luchadores (viva lucha libre!), all others, to fiercely competitive, no-holds-barred, rough-house bouts to submission. Heavily into dishing out muscle-wrenching punishment; man enough to take your worst. Hot, strong, smooth partner available for tag-team matches. C'mon tough guy—call! Call ★★7696.

Passionate Leather Pooh Bear
I'm into: Jungian stuff, passion, laughter, carefree dancing, cuddling, futons, leather sex, theosophy, imported beer, romance, cleanshaven bright WASPy boys, Winnie the Pooh, Ann Rice, Robert Bly, dreams. If interested in this 27-year-old, hairy Italian/German professional, give me a call. Call ★★7697.

Seeking Mature Masculine Male
for relaxing times and safe sex. I'm uncut Chinese, 5′7½″, 140 lbs., and smooth of body. Enjoy films, dining out, massages, hot tubs and fantasy games. Seek friends, not one-night stands. Will reply to all callers. Call ★★7698.

Seeking South Bay Submissive
... next you will strip for a tedious inspection. Maybe I will spank you for previous misdeeds. Perhaps I will tie, tease, tickle and torment you. Maybe you'll serve me for extended periods... M is 28, br/br, 5′10″, 180#, GWM, attractive, HIV-, S should be similar, stable, sensuous, sensible, safe and solid. Letter, description, age and phone to PO Box 2341, San Jose 95109-2341 or call ★★7699.

Looking for Someone Real
GWM, 26, HIV-, seeks friendship/possible relationship. I'm reasonably attractive and well-balanced and possess a pretty good sense of humor. I like movies, being outdoors, snuggling and eating. I'm looking for someone in my general age group with similar attributes. No boys, Obsession models, tramps, clones or those who might take themselves too seriously need apply. I'm from the Midwest and want someone real! Reply BT Box MY122A or call ★★7700.

Young Bondage Enthusiast
GWM student looking for others to age 35 for safe, sane, secure and erotic bondage. I am especially interested in cleanshaven Asian, Latin and white guys to play mutual or I can be a top. I am relatively new at this but have lots of toys. Mummification and immobilization using leather, rubber or iron are strong interests. No SM or torture. Let's play! Reply BT Box MY123A or call ★★7701.

Crime and Punishment and...
The Crime: This 25 y.o., attractive, 6 ft., 165, HIV-, PhD student held captive by work-absorbed, inexperienced and too puritanical self. The Punishment: I've been placed on a sex hunger strike. The Rehabilitation: I need a Supermanesque (Clark Kent OK too) public defender to petition for my release. Appeals from slightly offbeat, mostly on-beat, fit and funny guys encouraged. Reply BT Box MY124A or call ★★7702.

My First Ad Goes Like This:
Hopelessly romantic, thoughtful, honest, warm-hearted, witty, passionate Asian, 25, 5′7″, 125 very well-defined pounds, good-looking, cute ass, sexually versatile, lean body with smooth skin, nice stomach muscles. Seeking handsome, white soulmate, masculine, sincere, honest, tall, mature, goal-oriented, solidly built or toned, considerate, near my age, clean-shaven, nonsmoker, and truly ready for a meaningful growth together. (Muscular, hairy legs are a turn-on but not required). Interests include working out, travel (been to H.K. & Europe), good food, movies, Europeans, safe sex, arts, lively conversation. Prefer guy who likes me because of my great personality, not because of my race. If you believe you deserve to share your life with a sincere, wonderful person (not with some guys who jerk you around), then write. Reply BT Box MY125A or call ★★7703.

Boyfriends!
This GWM, young 42, 5′6½″, 140 lbs., HIV-, smooth and attractive and nondrinker. Enjoys bowling, CW, cooking, traveling, cuddling, sex (mostly top), football. Am honest, compassionate, liberal Democrat, Capricorn and nonsmoker. You would be nonsmoker, HIV-, light or non-drinker who is probably younger, taller, hairy chested and has common interests. Let's explore the possibilities. Send a descriptive letter or call. All will be answered. Reply BT Box MY126A or call ★★7704.

BM/LM Top Sought
Good-looking, very cool, not pretentious guy, 28, dark hair, blue eyes, with hairy, gym-worked body, looking for educated, fun, humorous, open-minded guy. Varied interests and non-stereotypical attitudes a must. I'm into the outdoors, exercise and partying one on one. Sexually I'm into servicing a hot, muscular, dominant man orally. East Bay and men of color only. Reply BT Box MY127A or call ★★7705.

Tender Is the Night
and warm and happy can be the days. GM professional seeks new friends, open to relationship. I'm caring, sensitive, happy at work and play, domestic, nonsmoker. No interest in bars, TV, polyester, mind games. I'm 55, 6′1″, 165, HIV-, good shape, widely traveled, fun to be with. You're 25-65, height/weight proportional, any ethnicity, nonsmoker, HIV-. Boxholder, PO Box 766, Berkeley 94701 or call ★★7706.

GWM, 42, 5′8″, 170 lbs., brown/gray hair & beard seeks companion & partner. I like movies, animals, hiking, music, travel, massage. I'm independent, well-spoken, faithful, happy with my life. I'm looking for someone who knows himself, is emotionally stable, secure, honest & socially responsible, 35-50 yrs. old. Reply to PO Box 151476, San Rafael 94915.

Beszel Magyarul?
34-yr.-old Hungarian GWM seeks gay friend to socialize and converse in Hungarian. Prefer Sonoma Co. location but willing to travel. My interests include nature, hiking, biking, backpacking, skiing, wilderness spirituality and sacred sex. Call ★★7707.

You Who Never Arrived...
Fetching, independent, thinking urbanite, 26, 6′1″, 175#, bl/bl, HIV-, frequent gym denizen with a whiff of pretention and closeted work ethic. Excited by Renaissance masses, frenetic hip hop and fuzzy forearms. Seek spontaneous, engaging, sincere type for serious tactile research and aimless frolic. Irreverent individuals, print addicts, Bach aficionados and the hopelessly well-developed are strongly encouraged. Offer void where prohibited. Reply BT Box MY128A or call ★★7708.

Body and Soul
Attracted to smooth, good-looking Asian, Latin, Italian or ? 20-35, but also seeking more serious Partner or friends: easygoing and down-to-earth, no heavy bar scene, Moderate-Christian (or?), Twilight Zone, Van Gogh, philosophy, videos/fantasy (XX to Disney), music (Bolton, Mariah, Mahalia, Sade, jazz, etc.), Chaplin, the Far Side, Limbaugh, ethnic food, etc.... I'm WM, 29, 5′9″, 150#, hairy, cleanshaven, called good-looking—Letter & photo to: J.S., 41 Sutter St., #1565, SF 94104 or call ★★7709.

Why Not?
GWM, mid-twenties, 6′1″, brown hair/eyes, good looks and a muscular and tanned 185 pound body seeks a guy with which to hang-out, workout, make-out—you get the idea. I don't: drink (much), smoke (at all), watch TV (ever). I do: dance (a lot), read (even more), want you to respond. Reply to PO Box 4372, Berkeley 94704 or call ★★7710.

Is This Realistic?
Supercute GWM, real, down-to-earth, professional, sexy, romantic, fun; straight-acting, shy, intelligent—28, 180, 6′1″, brn/brn—inspired with direction in life seeks very good-looking, shy professional—a real guy—sense of humor, fun, attitude-free, looking to meet new guys and see what happens. Please be real cute, 25-30 & self-assured, sweet, honest, vulnerable, aggressive, oriented & human. Call ★★7711.

I Can't Get No....
GWM 31, 5′8″, 150 lbs., bl/br, toned, HIV+ (asymptomatic) seeks relationship with a taller, good-looking, fit GWM, 25-41. My dark, handsome looks get lots of stares in the Castro, but bars aren't a great place to meet men. Some of my interests include travel, cities, deserts, languages, film, reading, cooking and exercise. Complex and sometimes overly serious; I want a partner whose spontaneity, humor, passion and good grammar will put a smile on my face. Big brain wins over big dick! Looking for down-to-earth masculine man with integrity, intelligence and goals. Call ★★7712.

Top Son—Bottom Dad
Are you a younger guy who would like a relationship with an attractive, masculine, good shape, older partner but be in charge and on top in the bedroom? I'm a professional GWM, 48, 5′10″, 158, brown/green, fair, smooth, nonsmoker/user. We are both HIV-, health-conscious, stable, very sexual and have broad interests and a lot going for us. Reply BT Box MY129A.

Wouldn't It Be Nice
to meet someone who is interesting, semi-intelligent, open-minded, sincere, with a sense of humor, maybe romantic, and treats you for who you are not what you are. Someone with perverted fantasies, varied interests, who enjoys going to the clubs as much as quiet times at home or about in nature, willing to explore new passions, close to your age (mid-twenties) and cleanshaven. Is that someone you or me? Reply BT Box MY130A.

G'day, Mate!
Attractive, friendly GWM (34, 6′1″, 175) is eager to meet Aussies visiting the States, or who now live here, for mateship & good times. I enjoy sports, beer, conversation, TV, movies, the beach, tennis & whatever we feel like doing... Open to platonic as well as sexual friendships. I'm happy just hanging out & shooting the breeze, but also like being active, working out or whatever. Call ★★7713.

Luck o' the Irish!
Healthy relationships are worth working for. Bi-coastal (native San Franciscan/Boston upbringing) and bi-lingual (English/French), willing to "let go" in an emotionally open, honest partnership. Non-drugger, non-drinker, nonsmoker and HIV-looking for same, emotionally stable, financially secure, quick-witted, mid-30s to mid-40s. I'm 47, 5′9″, 165 (3 weekly gym visits) with smilin' hazel Irish eyes, brown hair, moustache and hairy chest. Love to two-step, travel, act & ski. Your photo/phone will get us started. Un petit cafe, peut-etre? Reply BT Box MY131A or call ★★7714.

Help Me!
Very handsome, very intelligent, well-educated, masculine 34-year-old, looking for someone I can talk to the next morning. Kind, generous, well-adjusted, intellectually curious, unruffled, unpretentious, even-tempered, honest and direct. I've got a quick, dry sense of humor, and am not afraid of commitment or showing affection. Physically I'm 5′6″, 150, great in-shape body, grn/brn, French ancestry and HIV-. Interests: cycling, swimming, movies (especially foreign), travel (especially foreign), novels, architecture, home projects, volunteer work, and eating out (cheaply) or in. Negatives: shyness often misinterpreted as aloofness, and tendencies toward stubbornness and lack of concern for approval of others. Weaknesses: coffee, sweets and nice butts. If you're intelligent, well-educated, motivated, unpretentious, not overly materialistic, reasonably "out," well-adjusted, handsome, well-built, masculine, 6′ or shorter, 28-38, HIV-, and not intimated by the number of adjectives in this sentence, you may be able to help me. Please write with a photo to PO Box 31918, SF 94131 or call ★★7715.

Eyes Are Mosaics
New to SF, this cute GWM, 23, 5′8″, 150, J. Crew/Gap appearance, brown/blue, HIV-, is tired of hanging out with straight friends from home. I'm a very liberal, caring, romantic, honest, down-to-earth professional who has retained his boyish charm. I enjoy alternative music (Cocteau Twins), film, theater, clubs, cafes, hiking, skiing, traveling, exploring the city, and trying new things. Seeking similar, 25-35, who's well-adjusted and enjoys being gay. Blue eyes, Marina/Cow Hollow a+. No bi's, smokers, drug addicts. Light drink/toke OK. Call ★★7716.

Bearded Top Wanted
Masculine, 28, fit, bearded, seeks: dark-haired, in-shape, dominant, very W/E, bearded man for good times & possible relationship. Prefer masculine top, 30-40, who enjoys head, outdoors, beer, music, 4x4s, bodybuilding and other such activities. Write and we'll exchange phone #'s/photo. PO Box 0354, Campbell 95009 (I can travel Bay Area & possibly can relocate).

Hung, Uncut, Tactile Voyeur
Tall, very thin, dark-haired Latino masseur likes watching, being watched, masturbating and sometimes touching with other uncut men—especially very thin, dark-skinned Latinos and/or hung over 8″ like me. Adventurous "clandestine" encounters around town (brief OK). Also possible: massage or sensual stroking/rubbing. I'm a childlike eternal "beginner" and love to play "Show me yours & I'll show you mine." PO Box 1115, Berkeley 94701-1115 or call ★★7717.

Young Guys in Engineer Boots
drive me wild. If you're in your 20s and wear engineers, I want to meet you. It doesn't matter if you wear them with leather or with denim. Daddy, GWM, 40s, 5′10″, wants to play with you. I may even try the big thrill, shooting my load on your engineers. Several guys are walking around SF with my dried up cum on their e boots. Bondage possible. Call only if you're into it. Call ★★7718.

Be My Whore
Young, masculine guy wanted to be used like a whore by a hung, bisexual top man, 36, 150, 5′10″, 8″. Get down on your knees, service my thick tool, lick between my balls and my butthole, then roll over and get screwed doggy-style. No $. Call ★★7719.

Peter Greenaway, Almodovar, Cadinot, Liszt, Berlioz, Madonna, Dorothy Parker, Monte Cristo, Kollwitz and Foucault (can't believe I just said that!) all have had profound influences on me: GAM, 26, 5′7″, 125 lbs. Considered good-looking at least by all my ex-boyfriends, kind and gentle by everyone except my enemies, eccentric by friends who tolerate my self-indulgence, and intelligent by anyone who puts up with intellectual pretention. Seeking someone who is ± 8.76 years, any race or sexual preference, fit, good-looking and intelligent but not self-absorbed. Familiarity with the above persons not required but personality is. Call ★★7720.

Where's the Beef?
Masculine, attractive guy, 38, 5′8″, 150 lbs., seeking relationship with bigger guy (BB/football type). Enjoy 49ers games, movies, workouts, music, eating out, videos. Not into role-playing, but am very oral and tactile. If you're a genuinely masculine man (32-44) with a sense of humor, get in touch. (Please, no Republicans or smokers.) I'm a nice guy with lots to offer. Reply BT Box MY132A or call ★★7721.

Dear Dad
I've missed all those things we used to do when I was growing up—showering together, resting my head on your hairy chest, your beard against my face and all that wet nasty fun by the pool. Me: very good-looking, brown/hazel, small frame, nice body, 26, HIV-, experimental. You: hairy, dark, beefy, older, hot, hung, HIV-. Do me Dad! Photo appreciated. PO Box 27472, Concord 94527 or call ★★7722.

Fun Evenings
GLM, 30, brown hair, brown eyes, 165 lbs., 5′9″, clean-cut professional. Looking for GWM, 30-45, for quiet nights, nice dinners, long walks and fundraiser events. If interested send photo and letter to Boxholder, PO Box 191502, SF 94119 or call ★★7723.

Architecture Student Wants to See Your Coit Tower
This cute, shy, 23-year-old, 5′10″, brown-haired, brown-eyed Eurasian would like to be taken into your bed to check out your structural supports, kiss your facade, perhaps enter your portico, maybe get sweaty with you on the dance floor, moving to hip hop and house, or watch a fine film. If you're an attractive, HIV-, relationship-oriented, sensitive, 20-30 y.o. WM who can see past this man's shy facade, call ★★7724.

The Ultimate Adventurer
Successful young executive passionately seeking the ultimate adventure. Me: 31 with all-American boyish looks, 6′1″, blond, blue, trim smooth body, with Midwestern values; BA + MBA from top schools, six-figure income, hard working, hard playing, environmentally-oriented, constantly on the move, non-materialistic, nonsmoking, non-drinking, non-drug using, non-beef eating, HIV- kind of cocky guy with a constant smile, Jeffersonian political beliefs, close family, lots of friends and loves kids. I enjoy adventure travel—30 countries, 48 states, mountain biking, snow/water skiing, blading in the park, weightlifting, sailing, scuba diving as well as intellectual, philosophical, spiritual pursuits—such as tons of reading, educational seminars, long talks lasting late into the night, singing, dancing, and at times meditating. I seek a fun-loving, ambitious guy between 21-31 seeking the ultimate adventure. Preferences oriented, but not exclusively, toward guys who are driven by some passion, 5′9″-6′1″, 155-175, swimmer's build, smooth, easy-going manner, great smile, intense eyes, full to mostly full head of hair, well-educated or pursuing an education, take care of yourself physically, intellectually, spiritually and, of course, someone willing to take calculated risks in going for all of life's great gifts. If this ad doesn't frighten you off, or turn you off, go for it! Call ★★7725.

Best of British
I'm British male GW 42 y. younger, 5′11″, 152 lbs., professional graphic design & advertising with own firm. Have been designing for our community for 9 years. You may have seen my talents! Friends say I am good-looking & a young 42. Looking for solid date & possible relationship with either GWM, GLM, GAM or GBM. Between mature 28—young 42 to share interests in art, design, music, dance, theater, open air and everything worthwhile in life. Just give my voice mail a call—every call returned, unlike some ads. Call ★★7726.

Who Knew?
Sometimes I work out. Sometimes I play tennis. Sometimes I just watch. Community activism, directed ambition, hard work and a little nookie—these are good things. More nookie—even better. I prefer tallish, darkish, professional, Jewish, very handsome and smart gay men, 25-35—such as myself. Who wouldn't? HIV- and drug-free a must. Enough already. So write me a letter. Reply BT Box MY133A or call ★★7727.

Friendship or Romance
Nice-looking, affectionate, romantic GWM, 36, 6′, 165 lbs., seeks new friends, possibly more. I'm intelligent, well-educated, well-travelled with a successful career in science and my own SF home. A little shy at first, I'm more top than bottom, not into role-playing. Interests include travel,

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gardening, movies, music, eating, cooking. I have a short beard, short brown hair (with tail), hairy, uncut, HIV-. About you: 28-42, decent shape, good heart, financially stable, nonsmoker, light drinker, honest, communicative, emotionally available. Send letter and photo to PO Box 31924, SF 94131-0924. Photo returned with one of mine. Call ★★7728.

Hairy and Balding

If you are or can relate to above, send your response to a dark, hairy, balding, muscular, masculine, well-hung and uncut Italian, 43, 5'8", 155 lbs., for a good/safe time. Hairy men a plus. Note/photo/phone to PO Box 2554, Guerneville 95446-2554 or call ★★7729.

Ow! What?

28-year-old with no ad ingenuity looking for an easy-going guy to spend some laundry days and Sundays with. Maybe something even more exciting. If you're within 5 years of my age and can think of 100 ads better than this one, you're chopping wood. Reply BT Box MY134A or call ★★7730.

Small Red Pickup Truck?

Desperately trying to make amends for not being more forward when we met one weekday morning, outside the Scandinavian restaurant on Market which we both mistakenly assumed would be open earlier. Though we were attracted to each other, I was too awed to ask you out, or ask if you were attached. You're (cliche, I know) a Marlboro type, medium build, early 30s, light brown hair and moustache and I'm a very muscular (slim but hunky) dark moustached Mediterranean type, very handsome (gorgeous by the standards of the personals). I'd be happy (and lucky) to hear from you, even if you're unavailable. Call ★★7731.

Boys

All races, 18-22, needed for evenings of ass-licking and dick sucking (yours). Butt fucked on request (yours or mine). Me, GBM, young 31, 5'9", 145 lbs., average. No commitments, no regrets. Photos appreciated but not essential. Do it. Call ★★7732.

Sensuous Latino Seeks Hung Uncut

Creative, romantic, left-wing, passionate, love to hug and kiss, suck, get fucked and vice versa, smoke/toke, travel, films, anything 3rd world (1st world really), myths, nature, art, history, world beat/Latin music. I'm 33, 135, 5'7", cute, with smooth almost hairless body, moustache, long cut jalapeno pepper, bubble butt, fierce tongue that blows, licks, tastes, kisses and expresses. Seeking companionship, intellectual stimulation, reliable sex, and mutual, unconditional love, with guys with thick, enormous, uncut cocks. 3-ways with long-term lovers OK. Although I want to date other Latinos, foreigners, Black guys, one-on-one. Discreet relationships with the rich and famous, or inexperienced OK. Write with photo. PO Box 31919, SF 94131-9991 or call ★★7733.

Regular Guy?

Handsome (br/br, moustache), masculine, in-shape (6'1", 185#), 40 y.o., HIV-, GWM wants to meet another "regular guy," 30-45 y.o. I'm warm, flexible, highly interactive, and open to new experiences. Some of my interests include adventure travel, scuba diving, working-out, motorcycles, camping and music (jazz, classical). I'm attracted to natural, athletic, masculine, "take-charge" guys w/whom I share similar & different interests. Reply w/photo to BT BoxMY 135A or call ★★7734.

Are You?

HIV+, a bottom, smooth, cute/handsome and young, Latin, Asian or? Would you? Enjoy an attractive GWM 30s top, nice eyes and smile, hairy, hung, masculine and moustache? I'm a nice guy and a passionate, dominant top man. If you're extra smooth and you love to play safely with hairy men, call ★★7735.

I'm a Bottom, Baby, You're a Top

6'1", 25 y.o., brown/brown, smooth body, clean-shaven, swimmer's build. I enjoy music, movies, cooking, dining out and cuddling. I'm seeking a GWM under 6', between 23-38 y.o., good-looking, cleanshaven, muscular, intelligent, secure and dominant with a vanilla twist. Tops desired, an Italian's a plus. Drugs and alcohol are not needed for a good time for myself. So call me. Call ★★7736.

Single Seeks Single for Relationship

I'm a 25 y.o. GWM artist, 6'1", 210 lbs., receding brown hair/green eyes. I'm seeking a relationship with a man that has an excellent sense of humor, intelligence and sensuality. Stocky, hairy bodies, big noses and dark eyes. Let's go to a movie, have some coffee and talk about how crazy life can be. Smoking is OK, no drugs, no alcohol. Please call ★★7737.

HIV+ Smoothies, Any Race

GWM 30s top seeks smooth young bottoms, any race. I'm HIV+, healthy, hairy, hung and attractive—a stocky, masculine man who wants to hear from smooth Asians, Latins, etc. who want a strong topman for safe action. Completely smooth a plus. Call ★★7738.

Clean & Sober Great Guy!

I am a 37 y.o. GWM, HIV+, with 6 years of ACA & CODA recovery. I'm 170 lbs. with a basic swimmer's body & I think I'm extremely good-looking. You are sensitive, emotionally available, well-educated, physically put together and handsome. You are between 30-45 and over 5'10". I love to CW dance and can be convinced to do anything fun with negotiation!! Don't miss out on me. I'm a wonder & joy. PO Box 1323, Pacifica, CA 94044. I live in SF! or call ★★7739.

Kinky Party Dudes

Mid-30s GWM, muscular, masculine, seeks others into partying and kinky games and fantasies. Dominance/submission, role-playing, bondage, fantasy, 3-ways, sleaze. Let me know what you're up for and let's get wild and uninhibited together. Call ★★7740.

Handsome Masculine Man Wanted

to explore relationship possibilities. You should enjoy exploring the great outdoors and truly enjoy mountain biking, bicycle touring, hiking, backpacking and cross-country skiing. Prefer 24-40, nonsmoker, HIV-, easy-going with weekends free, financially secure. I'm 32, tall, lean, live in SF but don't go to bars. I'd like my companion to be positive, energetic, honest, monogamous, environmentally conscious, and my best friend. Call ★★7741.

Let's Get Together

Athletic Asian, 44, 5'9", seeking a similar in-shape, clean-cut, while male. Enjoy work-outs, outdoors, camping, cultural arts, vintage rock 'n' roll and classical music, dining out and gardening. Able to develop a symbiotic friendship to an intimate relationship. Box 27024, SF 94127.

Swim With Me

35 y.o., HIV-, very masculine, great looking, tall, dark-haired, firm, swimmer, toned, successful businessman, seeks young guys, 21-30, to have fun with. You be like me: athletic, adventurous, wild & spontaneous, honest, easy-going, hard-working, all-American, sexual appetite OK. I'm generous to the sincere. Call me and find out what you may be missing! We'll let nature be the judge of the rest. Call ★★7742.

Black Wants Black

Attractive, sex-loving GBM, 5'9", 145#, 39 y.o., passionate, honest, caring, sensuous, intelligent, full-time artist, nonsmoker, HIV+, healthy, endowed, versatile top with hungry bottom, fun-loving, into hiking, camping, travel, metaphysics, reading, dancing, music and art. Looking for intimate friendship and good times. Call ★★7743.

A Question of Aesthetics

He had been in the cafe since ten-thirty—expecting to see him come in presently.—Midnight went-and he still waited for him.—half past one went; the cafe was—almost entirely empty.—He grew weary of reading newspapers—mechanically. Of his three solitary shillings—only one was left to him: he had waited so long—he had spent the others on coffees and cognac.—He had smoked all his cigarettes.—Such waiting was exhausting him. For—as he was also alone for hours—troublesome thoughts took hold of him—of the life that had led him astray.—But when he saw his friend enter-instantly—fatigue, boredom, thoughts vanished.—His friend brought him unexpected news.—He had won sixty pounds at the gambling-house.—Their handsome faces, their marvelous youth—the sensitive love each felt for the other—were refreshed, reanimated, fortified—by the sixty pounds of the gambling-house.—And full of joy and vigor, feeling, and beauty—they went-not to the homes of their honorable families—(where besides, they were no longer wanted):—but to a friend's house, a very particular—house of depravity, and they asked for—a bedroom, and expensive drinks, and again they drank.—And when the expensive drinks were finished—and since it was almost four o'clock in the morning—they gave themselves happily to love. Reply BT Box MY136A or call ★★7744.

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Next Deadline for All Ads: May 15 for May 21

How To Respond to a "Call Star" Personal Ad

CALL 1-900-844-2-GAY. Using a Touch-Tone phone, you can reply to any ad that has "Call ★★" with a Call Star Extension number. This is your chance to hear the advertiser's voice! Call their extension and leave a personalized message, or see if this sounds like an advertiser you'd like to write to. It's almost as easy as leaving a message on a friend's answering machine. And the advertiser gets your message immediately.

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How To Get a "Call Star" Voice Mail Box

IT'S SIMPLE AND FREE!! You'll automatically get a free voice mail box with your personal ad unless you check the box below. You'll receive a letter from us with your Call Star extension and your secret password, as well as detailed instructions on how to use the system. Remember: recording your greeting and retrieving your messages are **FREE.**

How To Reply by Mail to a SF Bay Times Personal Ad

SEND IN YOUR LETTERS: If the advertiser has a BT Reply Box, send your reply to Bay Times Personals, 288 7th Street, SF 94103. In the lower left hand corner of the envelope place the box number (not the Call Star Extension!) you are answering. Mail boxes remain open for two months; i.e. this issue's ads may be answered through July 7. Voice mail boxes remain open for four weeks.

How To Pick Up Your Written Replies

BT REPLY BOX MAIL PICK-UP: You may pick up your mail Monday through Friday from 1-6pm. If you do not have your own P.O. Box, you must get a BT mail box. Feel free to call us during the regular pick-up hours to find out if you have mail, and please limit your calls to these hours! *You must bring picture I.D. to pick up your mail at the office.*

MAIL BOXES REMAIN ACTIVE FOR 2 MONTHS
VOICE MAIL BOXES REMAIN ACTIVE FOR FOUR WEEKS
MAIL WILL BE FORWARDED WEEKLY

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☐ Enclose $7 for Reply Mail Box . . . . . _____

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Name _____

Address _____

City _____ **State** _____ **Zip** _____

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You may stop by the office at the below address to fill out a coupon. **We cannot take personals by phone, nor can we accept anonymous ads. All information will be kept confidential.**

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FRIDAY, MAY 15

WORD COUNTS/PRICE INFO: 'A,' 'and,' 'the,' zip codes, PO Boxes, etc. should all be included in your word counts. There are no refunds for ads. If there is an error in your ad which substantially affects the value of the ad, we will issue you a credit to rerun the ad. If you have submitted an ad which does not fall within our editorial guidelines and we are unable to notify you, we will issue a credit to run a different ad.

ADVERTISING GUIDELINES In placing an ad, you must not use names, telephone numbers or street addresses. The San Francisco Bay Times hopes that you will submit ad copy in keeping with our general editorial policies. Ads should stress those qualities the advertiser finds compatible rather than target specific lifestyles, races or other aspects in a negative manner. We understand the difference between discrimination and personal preference. If your ad does not fall within the realm of our guidelines, we may notify you and allow you to make the necessary alterations. We reserve the right to edit ads. We reserve the right to reject any ad whatsoever.

Remember: speech isn't as free on the telephone as it is in the newspaper. Government regulations forbid the "F-word" recorded on phone lines and other such direct communication. Have fun but be sensible.

FREE PERSONAL AD!

A FREE 70-WORD VOICE MAIL PERSONAL AD FOR SPRING!

Our love doesn't stop and neither should yours—that's why we're extending our popular FREE VOICE MAIL PERSONAL ADS for yet another issue.

But hurry, spring will soon be over and so will your chance to get a free Bay Times personal ad. Just fill out the coupon on the facing page and return it to our office by May 15. We'll make sure it appears in a pre-parade issue.

If your ad is longer than 70 words, please include the extra 15 cents for each word over 70 words. If you want a Bay Times Mail Reply Box as well as voice mail, please add the additional $7 (to pick up your mail in our office) or $11 (for weekly mail forwarding), as printed on the coupon on the facing page.

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